

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Agenda Item No 8

REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

DATE	30th September 2014
TITLE OF REPORT	Better Care Fund
Organisation and Author	Joint Report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the Chief Officer of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group
Purpose of the report	To update the Board on the progress made on the Better Care Fund (BCF) in Dudley
Key points to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The national BCF initiative has provides focus for continued development of the integrated care theme. • The Board will note that national policy development during the last few months has sharpened the focus of the BCF on avoidable admission to hospital. • Updated submissions to the NHS Local Area Team (LAT) have been required of all localities • Partners in Dudley have worked very closely to establish shared understandings and agree approaches for their submission of 19th September. • A Power Point Presentation which will be given at the Board to share the detail for debate which was not confirmed at the time of preparing this Report.
Recommendations for the Board	That the Dudley Health and Well-Being Board comment on and note the current status of the BCF submission for Dudley.
Item type	<i>Information, discussion, strategy</i>
H&WB strategy priority area	<i>All</i>

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30TH SEPTEMBER 2014

REPORT OF: Joint Report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the Chief Officer of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group

BETTER CARE FUND

Purpose of Report

1. For the Dudley Health and Well-Being Board (DHWBB) to receive the latest up-date on Dudley's Better Care Fund (BCF) proposals and to confirm direction and next-steps

Background

2. One of the purposes of Health and Well-Being Boards has been to strengthen local leadership to integrate social care and health services even more closely. The intention has been to improve the experience of people using health and care services.
3. The national BCF initiative has provided a focus for the continued development of the integrated care theme. The DHWBB has debated reports during 2014 on the Dudley model. In particular, the Board has considered detailed financial, performance and service design issues alongside the practical requirement to respond to national and local deadlines.
4. The development of the national policy agenda during the last few months has sharpened the focus of the BCF even more clearly on the single issue of avoidable admission to hospital. Updated submissions to the NHS Local Area Team (LAT) have been required of all localities nationally and new national leads have been appointed to oversee implementation. A range of communications as well as regional-level support offers have been made available and officers from across partner agencies have taken these up.
5. Partners in Dudley have worked very closely to establish shared understandings and agree approaches. The national changes have not always made local implementation easy. Dudley agencies decided that the risks of further engagement with the offer of a place amongst a national group of "early implementers" would be too constricting for our local aspirations. For instance, partners remain committed to a broad suite of activities based on evidence to be included in a performance management framework focussed on the single issues of avoiding admission to hospital where it is not needed.

6. Dudley's updated submission was sent to the LAT as per their timetable on 19th September. The submission was signed-off by the Chair on behalf of the Board. Through a Power Point Presentation which will be made for the BCF item, the agreed updated detail which was not available at the time at which this covering Report was prepared will be shared with the Board for further debate.
7. The main areas of the presentation cover:
 - an update on the proposed model and developed performance framework to improve appropriate avoidance of hospital admission
 - the overall funding levels, taking account of current allocations e.g. "Section 256." The net total fund is indicated to be £23.84 million.
 - Dudley's overall approach including a shared understanding and practical arrangements for risk-sharing

Finance

8. Any financial implications arising from the content of this Report will be met from within existing budgets between the agencies.
9. Those resources are as indicated in the Power Point Presentation.

Law

9. The background to the development of Health and Well Being Boards and the production of Joint Health and Well-Being Strategies lies in the guidance issued to date leading up to the enactment of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and associated regulations.

Equality Impact

10. The aims of the Better Care Fund are consistent with principles of health and social care to improve the health of people living in Dudley and the quality of health services which they experience. The appropriate avoidance of hospital admission is designed to benefit all sectors of the population..

Recommendation

11. That the Dudley Health and Well-Being Board: -

- comment on the further shaping of Dudley's Better Care Fund proposals to confirm direction and next-steps



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