

CABINET

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BETTER CARE FUND PLAN (FORMERLY KNOWN AS INTEGRATION TRANSFORMATION FUND)

ADDENDUM REPORT

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Summary

This addendum report provides information on the discussion at the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 9 January 2014.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board considered the Health and Social Care Better Care Fund Plan on 9 January 2014.
- 1.2 The Board were shown a powerpoint presentation setting out the basic principles of the Better Care Fund Plan and the potential schemes which could be developed as a result of it. Emphasis was, however, placed on the fact that this was not new money and was set in a backdrop of pressures in the system where savings had to be made. The money would be subject to payment by results and nationally agreed performance indicators would be set with a minimal space for local indicators.
- 1.3. The local vision, aims and objectives were set out and the success of the prevention agenda would be crucial in reducing unnecessary hospital admissions or lengths of stay. The Chief Clinical Officer of NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group pointed out that having invested commissioning resources in the Better Care Fund the CCG would still be responsible for commissioning in the acute sector if the preventions did not work.
- 1.4. Considerable interest was shown at the board about the monitoring of outcomes for the public and progress against indicators and the Deputy Director, Children and Adults was requested to consider how best to report this information to the board in the future.

1.5. In view of the short timescales involved in submitting a draft plan by 14 February and then the final plan by 4 April 2014 the Board agreed that the first submission will be sent round electronically to the Board to allow them 48 hours to comment. A special meeting of the Board would then be held in late March to enable the Board to endorse the plan before final submission.

1.6. The Board then agreed:

(a) That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes and supports the proposed governance journey for the delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan, with the addition of the following wording (shown in bold below) to the recommendation set out in the Cabinet papers for 14 January meeting as follows:

8.3. That Cabinet agree to delegate authority for the final sign off of the plan to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adults Services **following endorsement of the plan by the Health and Wellbeing Board.**

(b) That a special meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board is arranged for late March to enable the Board to endorse the plans before final submission;

(c) That the Deputy Director, Children and Adults will advise the Board how they will be kept informed of progress against performance following that submission.

2. Additional Legal Comments

2.1. Following the publication of the Cabinet agenda, the Planning Guidance for the Better Care Funds confirms that the Fund will be allocated to local areas where it will be put into pooled budgets under Section 75 NHS Act 2006 ("Section 75 Agreements").

2.2. Section 75 agreements allow for NHS bodies and local authorities to enter into partnership arrangements for a number of specified purposes including pooled fund arrangements, the exercise by NHS bodies of local health related functions, the exercise by local authorities of NHS functions and the provision of staff, goods and services or making of payments.

2.3. Regulations set out the terms requirements to be included in Section 75 Agreements. In relation to pooled fund arrangements these include, agreed aims and outcomes, the contributions to be made to the pooled fund by each party, how the pooled fund is to be managed and monitored, which body is to be the host party and audit arrangements.

3. Revised recommendations for Cabinet

3.1. That Cabinet note and support the proposed governance journey for the delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan.

3.2. That Cabinet note that the plan is an iterative process that will continue to be developed as more information and guidance from the LGA/NHS England becomes available.

- 3.3. That Cabinet agree to delegate authority for the final sign off of the plan to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adults Services **following endorsement of the plan by the Health and Wellbeing Board.**

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