

Central Bedfordshire Council

**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

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Better Care Fund Plan 2016/17

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Purpose of this report:

1. To update Members on the Better Care Fund Plan 2016/17, following endorsement of the Plan by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 27 July 2016.
2. To update Members on the final outcome of the NHS England assurance process for the Better Care Fund Plan 2016/17.
3. The attached report sets out the key themes and delivery areas for the 2016/17 Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

1. Note the implications for Central Bedfordshire as set out in the Better Care fund Plan 2016/17.
2. Note that since the attached report, Central Bedfordshire's Better Care Fund Plan 2016/17 has received full approval from NHS England.

The Better Care Fund is a single pooled budget to promote the integration of health and social care services in local areas. The full value of the Better

Care Fund in Central Bedfordshire for 2016/17 is £20.534m. This is made up of a CCG gross contribution of £15.276m, Disabled Facilities Grant capital allocation of £1,315m; underspend from 2015/16 of £526,000 and an additional contribution from the local authority social care budget of £3.417m. Of the total CCG allocation, £4.341m is ring-fenced for NHS out of hospital commissioned services/risk share.

The Better Care Fund Plan 2016/17 is consistent with the priorities and outcomes of the Health and Wellbeing Board and is focused on the progressive integration of health and social care services.

The Health and Wellbeing Board endorsed the 2016/17 plan at their July meeting following its submission in May 2016 and received full approval on 18 August.

Progress on the Better Care Fund Plan will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board and delivery will be through agreed Joint Commissioning Board and governing boards for partners. The Health and Wellbeing board will provide overall assurance and sign off performance monitoring returns.

Council Priorities

The BCF Plan is consistent with the priorities of Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Central Bedfordshire for improving health, wellbeing and reducing health inequalities and supports the following Council priorities:

- Enhancing your local community
- Promote health and well-being and protect the vulnerable

Corporate Implications

Risk Management

The BCF Plan has a risk agreement in place which is overseen by the BCF Commissioning Board.

Staffing (including Trades Unions)

There are no specific staffing issues arising from this report at this point.

Legal Implications

The legal implications at this stage are centred on ensuring an appropriate governance framework is in place and in line with the Council's constitution.

Financial Implications

None for this report

Equalities Implications

Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. Ensuring better outcomes through locality based integrated health and social care services should be for the benefit of all residents and equality duties should be considered and embedded in the context of any joint working to avoid discrimination.