

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report for: Information
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Report Title

Better Care Fund Update

Purpose

This report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress made in relation to the Better Care Fund.

Recommendation(s)

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- note the progress
- agree the proposal to receive the revised and final Better Care Fund plan at the next meeting on the 1st of July, 2014

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The draft Better Care Fund for Trafford was submitted to NHS England, as required, on the 14th of February 2014.
- 1.2 The day to day scrutiny and challenge of plans and provisional recommendations on sign off and next steps will be undertaken by the LGA (Local Government Association) and NHS England. The National Support Centre will compile the local assurance reports into a national overview report for the purposes of Ministerial assurance. Ministers will agree local plans and next steps, based in the assurance reports but will not communicate directly with local areas unless it is upon the advice of the national team.
- 1.3 The assurance process does align with the assurance process for the NHS Operational and Strategic Plans but also involves local government representatives at local level and Ministers at national level.
- 1.4 The on-going assurance process in relation to the plans will be led at local level by the NHS England Area Teams and local government regional teams. They have responsibility for assessing the progress of the Health and Wellbeing Board and identifying areas of support.

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 The feedback in relation to the assurance assessment of the Better Care Fund draft plan for Trafford was received by the Clinical Commissioning Group from the Local Area Team in mid-March.
- 2.2 The assessment in relation to the draft plan for Trafford was overall a Rag Status of 'Green'.
- 2.3 The overall key 'strengths' highlighted are:-
 - The draft plan identified a 17% reduction in avoidable hospital/residential care admissions and a 15% reduction in unscheduled care, evidencing the importance of shifting resources from acute to other sectors.
 - Excellent co-production (quality checkers and expert partners)
 - A detailed Bid which covers workforce, skills and mobilisation
- 2.3 The overall key 'weaknesses' highlighted are:-
 - High on 'Visioning' Principles and Plans but low on metrics, key performance indicators, evaluation, targets and success criteria.

- Complex governance agreements to oversee the implementation.
- Expectation that Care Bill costing will be significant but in the draft plan is uncoded.
- Recognises high admission and readmission rates due to community services but fails to set out how this will be addressed.

2.4 The overall key 'Threats' highlighted are:-

- Mixed demography, deprived areas, but appears to be improving.
- A very complex Health Economy.
- The ability of the Hub / Patient Care Coordination's Centre to address the above 'feels' ambitious.

2.5 The overall key 'opportunities' highlighted are:-

- Operational integration between Adult Social Care and Community Health Service underpinned by a Section 75 Partnership Agreement.
- Expectation to expand Social Care 5 day working on an incremental basis
- Recognises the importance of Housing, Extra Care Housing and Housing Related Support.
- Integrated Care Model emphasising primary and community care.
- Urgent Care Business Case at final stages of implementation.

3. **NEXT STEPS**

3.1 The final plan will be submitted on the 4th of April dead line which will evidence reflection and change where it is possible to do at this stage in relation to data and success criteria.

3.2 The final plan will be brought to the next Health and Wellbeing Board meeting for further detailed discussion to provide assurance and an on-going opportunity for partners to scrutinise and challenge the progress and further implementation of the plan.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 To note progress

4.2 To agree receipt of the revised final Better Care Fund Plan at the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 1st of July 2014.