

**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD
10 MAY 2016****BETTER CARE FUND 2016/17 PLAN UPDATE**

Board Sponsor

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Priorities

Older people & long term conditions	Yes
Mental health & well-being	Yes
Obesity	No
Alcohol	No
Other (specify below)	

Groups of particular interest

Children & young people	No
Communities & groups with poor health outcomes	No
People with learning disabilities	No

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children
If yes please give details

No

Impact on Safeguarding Adults
If yes please give details

No

Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Information and assurance

Recommendation

1. The Health and Well-being Board is asked to:
 - a) Note the current rating of the Worcestershire 2016/17 Better Care Fund plan, which is 'Approved with Support';
 - b) Note the ambition to move to 'Approved' status by the final submission date of 25 April.

Background

2. The draft Worcestershire plan for the 2016/17 Better Care Fund was presented to February HWB. HWB approved the draft plan, and agreed that the authority to

commit an unallocated amount of £756k be delegated to the Chairman of the Board, in collaboration with Accountable Officers.

3. Following the HWB meeting, Accountable Officers and the Chairman agreed that the unallocated amount would be committed entirely for Council domiciliary care pressures for service users with a learning disability with complex needs. This will be for the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

4. This was agreed after alternative funding solutions had been identified for Primary Care Mental Health Services. This will maintain the current level of funding for 2016/17 and 2017/18. In addition, funding has also been maintained at current levels for Child Development Centres and Orchard service from the Public Health ring-fenced grant for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

5. This agreement was reflected in the Worcestershire 2016/17 Better Care Fund plan and submitted to NHS England on 21 March 2016. This was within the deadline for submission set by NHS England.

Better Care Fund Plan Assurance

6. 2016/17 Better Care Fund plans submitted to NHS England are subject to peer review. Plans were reviewed by one NHS organisation and one ADASS organisation, followed by a third validation in order to tackle any divergence in the first two reviews. All plans were then considered by a regional assessment panel. Following this review, the Worcestershire plan submitted in March has been categorised as '**Approved with support**'.

7. This categorisation puts Worcestershire on a similar footing as other local areas. Of the 14 West Midlands plans submitted, 10 were categorised as 'Approved with support', and 4 were 'Not approved'.

8. For Worcestershire, the fact that the Acute Trust is currently in special measures automatically places the Better Care Fund plan into an 'at risk' category in terms of overall plan delivery.

9. Discussions have taken place between NHS England and representatives of the Worcestershire stakeholder organisations, focusing on the steps required to turn the Worcestershire plan to 'Approved'.

10. There is a reasonable level of confidence that the final submission of the Worcestershire plan – due on the 25 April – can be modified to include the evidence required to gain 'Approved' categorisation.

11. A verbal update on feedback following the 25 April submission will be given to the board on 10 May.

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