


Health and Wellbeing Board 6 th February 2014	 Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board
Report of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Classification: Unrestricted
Better Care Fund Planning Template	

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Executive Key Decision?	No

Executive Summary

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This report is the DRAFT Better Care Fund Planning Template. Due to being a DRAFT there are a number of areas which are still in development. Key areas of the Template that are still being developed are:

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from health to social care (S256 monies). Further detail of allocations will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board at the Board meeting on 24th March 2014.

- Outcomes and Metrics: DRAFT Outcomes and Metrics have been included in the Template with FINAL baseline and performance data currently being developed.
- Documents: Supporting Documents will be supplied for the FINAL Better are Fund Planning Template.

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. AGREE: The DRAFT Better Care Fund Planning Template be submitted to the LGA and NHS England

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Department of Health require for all Health and Wellbeing Boards to Agree and Authorise a Draft Better Care Fund Planning Template by 14th February 2014 before submission to LGA and NHS England.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 N/A

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The attached report is the DRAFT Tower Hamlets Better Care Fund Planning Template which the Health and Wellbeing Board is required to approve and submit to NHS England / Local Government Association by 14th February 2014. The Better Care Fund allocation for 2014/2015 totals £18.681m and for 2015/16 totals £20.367m. The proposed allocation of the Fund is detailed in section 5 of the plan template 'Finance'.
- 3.2 This report is the DRAFT Better Care Fund Planning Template. Due to being a DRAFT there are a number of areas which are still in development. Key areas of the Template that are still being developed are:
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- 3.3 In the 2013 Spending Round, the Government announced a national £3.8 billion pooled budget for health and social care services, building on the current NHS transfer to social care services of £1 billion. The Spending Round document stated that 'the Government will introduce a £3.8 billion pooled budget for health and social care services, shared between the NHS and local authorities, to deliver better outcomes and greater efficiencies through more integrated services for older and disabled people'.
- 3.4 Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are required to Submit a jointly agreed DRAFT Better Care Fund Planning Template to the Local Government Association (LGA) and NHS England by 14 February 2014. This is an externally imposed deadline. The FINAL Better Care Fund Planning Template must be submitted by 4th April 2014. NHS England guidance states that both of these templates need to be agreed and authorised by Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- 3.5 The Better Care Fund has been initiated by government to promote a greater level of cooperation, joint planning and integrated delivery of health and social care. The reconfiguration and redesign of health and social care services is central to the intentions inherent in the Health and Social Care Act and the Care Bill. Funding mechanisms are likely to become increasingly combined into pooled arrangements, underpinned by integrated working and focused on improving health and wellbeing, supporting more people in community based settings and services and reducing demand on acute care.
- 3.6 The Better Care Fund provides an opportunity to transform care so that people are provided with better integrated care and support. It encompasses a substantial level of funding and it will help deal with demographic pressures in the health and social care system. The Better Care Fund is an opportunity to take the integration agenda forward at scale and pace, building on the WELC integrated care programme, and successful bid to become a "Pioneer"

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1. The Better Care Fund is worth £3.8 billion nationally. Tower Hamlets share of this has been confirmed as £18.681m for 2014/15 and £20.367m for 2015/16.
- 4.2. The attached report is the DRAFT Tower Hamlets Better Care Fund Planning Template which the Health and Wellbeing Board is required to approve and submit to NHS England / Local Government Association by 14th February 2014.
- 4.3. The proposed use of the Tower Hamlets share, as agreed by the Local Authority and the CCG, is detailed in section 5 of the plan template 'Finance'. However, this current finance data is provisional and will be finalised for the FINAL Better Care Fund Planning Template which will be agreed and authorised by the Health and Wellbeing Board at the Board meeting on 24th March 2014.
- 4.4. Approval of these draft plans by the Health and Wellbeing board are necessary to progress through the planning stages to secure the allocated funding via NHS England.
- 4.5. It is worth noting that this fund is derived from pooling a number of existing funding streams which are currently committed on a number of existing health and social care services. These draft plans take into consideration the future shape and commitment on those services within the parameters of the better care fund objectives.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. Section 193 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 inserts a new s116A into the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, which places a duty on the Health and Wellbeing Board to prepare a joint strategic health and wellbeing strategy in respect of the needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The duty to prepare this plan falls on local authorities and the Clinical Commissioning Group, but must be discharged by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 5.2. In preparing this strategy, the Board must have regard to whether these needs could better be met under s75 of the National Health Service Act 2006. Further, the Board must have regard to the Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies published on 26 March 2013, and can only depart from this with good reason.
- 5.3. This strategy must be prepared in accordance with the public sector equalities duty to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equalities Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- 5.4. The Better Care Fund is being developed as part of the integrated care strategy within the overarching framework of the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. The development of the Better Care Fund is predicated on the findings of the Tower Hamlets Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. As such, the key objectives of the Better Care Fund are to address the issues of wider determinants of health, the high prevalence of risk factors for health locally, and poorer survival of long term conditions.
- 6.2. One of the key aims of the Better Care Fund is to improve health outcomes for the some of the most vulnerable patients and service users in Tower Hamlets. This is highlighted in the 'Risk Stratification' of patients/service users in the Planning Template.

7. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1 N/A

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. There are 6 important risk areas highlighted within this report and with a list of mitigation measures in place.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 N/A

10. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

This submission document identifies effective use of the pooled income in the provision of social care services with health benefits.

Appendices and Background Documents

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NONE

Background Documents

NONE

Officer contact details for background documents:

NONE