

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care

Date of meeting: 28th June 2017

Subject: Terms of Reference For the Partnership Management Group
for Better Care and Integrated Commissioning Service

Report by: Director of Better Care

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

The cabinet member for Health and Social Care is asked to approve the newly combined Better Care and Integrated Commissioning Service Partnership Management Group Terms of Reference.

2. Recommendations

To seek approval from the cabinet member for Health and Social on the TOR.

3. Background

Members of the BCF PMG approved the proposals for combining the two partnership management group in February 2017.

Work is progressing with the pooling of more budgets under the Better Care Framework, which includes the Integrated Commissioning Service. A combined partnership group will enable the transparency and discussions across both organisations.

4. Reasons for recommendations

The cabinet member for Health and Social Care is asked to approve the newly combined Better Care and Integrated Commissioning Service Partnership Management Group Terms of Reference.

Approval has been given by NHS Portsmouth Clinical Executive Committee; therefore it is recommended that the cabinet member for Health and Social Care approves the TOR.

5. Equality impact assessment

An EIA was completed in 16/17 to support the Better Care Plan. This will be updated to support the BCF plan for 17/18, 18/19 where reference to the newly combined Better Care and Integrated Commissioning Service Partnership Management Group will be made.

6. Legal implications

Section 75 partnership agreements under the National Health Service Act 2006 allows for budgets to be pooled between local health and social care organisations and local authorities.

Under such agreement, resources and management structures can be integrated and functions can be reallocated between partners to the agreement. The section 75 partnership agreement provides for legal mechanisms allowing budgets to be pooled enabling more locally tailored services and greater integration between health and social care.

The merging of the management arrangements of two section 75 agreements facilitates a strategic and more efficient approach for the management and oversight of commissioning of local services across the organisations.

The associated terms of reference make provision for governance and accountability of the Integrated Commissioning Fund, the authorities and responsibilities delegated from the partners, financial planning and management responsibilities, budgeting and budgetary control, including forecasting and identifies the responsibilities of each partner organisation, whilst both s75 agreements remain separate.

It is understood that the terms of the two section 75 partnership agreements remain as two separate agreements these are to be reviewed and advice will be given at the meeting.

7. Director of Finance's comments

The value of the pooled Better Care Fund budget in 16/17 was £16,655m, when the budget for the Integrated Commissioning Service of £566k is added, it brings the annual budget to £17,221m.

The value of the underspend on this pooled fund currently sits at a combined value of £1,893m which includes a capital element of £496k that has been earmarked as a contribution towards the SWIFT replacement project.

Whilst these terms of reference set out the governance arrangements for the pooled funds as a whole, including the membership and voting rights, it is the individual programme agreements that set out the individual governance

arrangements, the financial responsibilities of involved parties and also the treatment of underspends.

The good governance of public funds is assured by the regular meetings of the PMG which includes a review of the financial position and updates on the progress of individual programmes.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Terms of Reference for the Partnership Management Group for Better Care and Integrated Commissioning Service

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
No associated documents	

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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