

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care.

Date of meeting: Wednesday 6th September

Subject: Integration and Better Care Plan 2017-19

Report by: Director of New Models of Care

Wards affected: All

Key decision: Yes

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

To provide details of the 2017-19 Integration and Better Care Plan due to be submitted to NHS England on 11th September.

2. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care ratify the 2017-19 Integration and Better Care Plan submission; and

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care accepts this plan also as the Category Management plan for People services.

3. Background

Better Care

Better Care is a national initiative to support the integration of health and social care services, through the pooling of funding between the NHS and local authorities. The Portsmouth Better care fund brings together £16 million of NHS Portsmouth CCG and Portsmouth City Council health and social care funding to support the integration of local health and care services. This will be achieved through the integration of three locality

based health and care teams, improved rehabilitation and re-ablement services, changes to community bed services and prevention and well-being.

Category Management

The council uses Category Management to make sure purchasing and setting up of contracts are managed centrally. For health and care services, these fall into the People Category.

This ensures consistency and increases the council's purchasing power to gain best value for money.

Each category (IS, Property, Commodities, etc.) is required to have a separate category plan which sets out the strategy for spend in that category area and commentary on the market.

There is also a requirement under the Care Act to have a Market Position Statement which provides information to providers about our demand and how we wish to engage with providers to deliver services.

4. Reasons for recommendations

The plan draws from the Portsmouth Blueprint; Health and Care Portsmouth Transformation Plan, Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) Operating Plan and the original five year Better Care Plan, submitted in September 2014. It outlines in detail the vision and case for change underpinning the Portsmouth Better Care Fund (BCF) delivery strategy and subsequent annual submissions.

Oversight and delivery of the plan is supported by a section 75 agreement between NHS Portsmouth CCG and Portsmouth City Council and via the Partnership Management Group, chaired by Portsmouth City Council Chief Executive Officer.

Due to the interconnected nature of health and social care needs, the schemes of work are aligned with PCCG, ASC and other NHS services. The oversight provided by the various health and care boards overseeing health and care spend, can be seen as a form of category management and therefore there is no value in creating an additional plan under a category management heading.

5. Equality impact assessment

A full EIA was completed in 2015 to support the full Better Care Plan. A preliminary EIA was completed for 2017-19, it was decided a full EIA was not required for the Integration and Better Care Plan 2017-19 due to the successful progress already made and that the BCF has provided a foundation for the Health and Care Portsmouth transformation programme. It is considered that the work so far has had a positive effect on the equality groups and ongoing work through 2017-2019 will continue to the same effect.

6. Legal implications

The Care Act 2014 provides the legislative basis for the Better Care Fund (BCF), which is a mandatory policy designed to facilitate integration of health (NHS) and social care (local authority) services by bringing together designated health and social care funding and requiring joint local planning between local authorities and NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups as to the way in which that Better Care Fund is to be expended in support of the integration of services.

The Department of Health and the Department of Communities and Local Government published the national policy framework for Integration and the Better Care Fund in 2017-18 and 2018-19 on 31 March 2017:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integration-and-better-care-fund-policy-framework-2017-to-2019>

This was subsequently supplemented by the publication of related Planning Requirements and a Planning Template in July 2017.

There are four 'national conditions' which apply to BCF planning and expenditure, namely:

1. A requirement for the plan to be jointly agreed by the local authority and the CCG and approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. Real terms maintenance of transfer of funding from health to support adult social care.
3. Requirement to ring-fence a portion of the CCG minimum BCF allocation to invest in NHS commissioned Out of Hospital services
4. A requirement to implement the High Impact Change model (HIC) for managing transfers of care.

Separate (but related) grant conditions apply to the expenditure of elements of the Better Care funding which are paid directly to local authorities.

Delivery of the Better Care Plan locally has been and will continue to be under the umbrella of the Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement between the City Council and the Portsmouth CCG. This is a partnership agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 which facilitates the pooling of funding and the necessary delegation of functions as between the two partners.

7. Director of Finance's comments

As part of the BCF governance process, the council finance team are members of the S75 Partnership Management Group and are also members of the panel who review and approve schemes as part of the cabinet approved ASC transformation fund process. Any existing and new schemes will therefore receive appropriate finance review and approval when they are at an appropriate stage in their development

To be confirmed

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Appendices:

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

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

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