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| 1. | Meeting: | HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD |
| 2. | Date: | 1 st June, 2016 |
| 3. | Title: | Better Care Fund Plan 2016/17 |

4. Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the BCF Plan 2016-17 for consideration and ratification, so that the NHS England reporting deadline can be met.

5. Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) **Consider the contents of the BCF plan for 2016-17 and ratify the plan.**

6. Background

- 6.1 NHS England advised that the BCF planning and assurance process for 2016/17 would be integrated, as fully as possible, with the core NHS operational planning and assurance process. However, this would not diminish the requirement for plans to be jointly developed with local government partners, and approved by Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- 6.2 In early March 2016, NHS England issued the BCF planning requirements for 2016-17 which included the completion of a financial planning template and a narrative plan with a comprehensive set of Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOEs)
- 6.3 There are eight conditions, which local areas have to meet through the planning process in order to access funding which is included in the KLOEs. These conditions require:
 - (i) That a BCF Plan, covering a minimum of the pooled Fund specified in the Spending Review, should be signed off by the HWB itself, and by the constituent Councils and CCGs;
 - (ii) A demonstration of how the area will meet the national condition to maintain provision of social care services in 2016-17;
 - (iii) Confirmation of agreement on how plans will support progress on meeting the 2020 standards for seven-day services, to prevent unnecessary non-elective admissions and support timely discharge;
 - (iv) Better data sharing between health and social care, based on the NHS number;
 - (v) A joint approach to assessments and care planning and ensure that, where funding is used for integrated packages of care, there will be an accountable professional;
 - (vi) Agreement on the consequential impact of the changes on the providers that are predicted to be substantially affected by the plans;
 - (vii) That a proportion of the area's allocation is invested in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, or retained pending release as part of a local risk sharing agreement; and
 - (viii) Agreement on a local action plan to reduce delayed transfers of care.

- 6.4 The plan has been jointly developed between Rotherham CCG and Rotherham MBC colleagues and is well aligned to the priorities within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-18, the CCG Commissioning 2015-19, CCG Operating Plans 2016-17 and Provider Plans.
- 6.5 The CCG received initial written feedback from NHS England on 8th April, 2016, which confirmed that Rotherham HWB Board had submitted a detailed plan, which contains clarity on the deliverables in Rotherham for 2016/17. The HWB vision is clear and the KLOEs have clearly been used in indicating how the national conditions will be met. Overall, Rotherham has provided a very well written plan, the delivery of which may be impacted by the high risk nature of the health economy. Risks and mitigations are usefully included and sufficiently detailed.
- 6.6 Feedback also included the recommendation that Rotherham's plan needed to contain some evaluation of the schemes and that this would be strengthened by including quantitative data to support qualitative plans.
- 6.7 The Local Authority received verbal feedback from NHS England's BCF Development and Assurance Manager on 12th April, 2016, which highlighted that we were meeting the majority of KLOEs, but there were around 20 which they had assessed as being "partly met" or "not met". Further work was required on providing more detailed local demographic data, how the plan contributes to the local implementation of the Five Year Forward View, data that supports the case for change including unmet need, non-financial risks and categorisation of BCF schemes contained within the planning template which appeared to be having an impact on the level of funding provided for protection of social services and NHS commissioned out of hospital services..
- 6.8 The BCF plan 2016-17 now covers all the requirements set out within the guidance provided by NHS England.
- 6.9 The financial envelope for the BCF 2016-17 has been agreed. This has seen the BCF programme increase by circa £1.0m predominantly in Mental Health, Falls and Intermediate Care.
- 6.10 There is a requirement to create a fund for the Care Act for the Local Authority. The benchmark value is £0.77m – the proposed budget for Rotherham is £0.7m.
- 6.11 A revised Section 75 agreement covering the BCF programme for 2016-17 has also been developed and requires approval at the same Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 1st June, 2016. NHS England guidance states that all Section 75 agreements need to be fully signed by all partner organisations by 30th June, 2016.

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