

1.	Meeting:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
2.	Date:	1st June, 2016
3.	Title:	Section 75 Agreement 2016-17

4. Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Section 75 agreement for 2016-17 for consideration and sign off, so that the NHS England deadline can be met.

5. Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Approve the Section 75 agreement.**
- (ii) Delegate authority to senior officers from both RCCG and RMBC to make minor amendments in line with final guidance from NHS England prior to final sign off by 30th June, 2016.**

6. Background

6.1 The Better Care Fund has been established by the Government to provide funds to local areas to support the integration of health and social care and to seek to achieve the National Conditions and Local Objectives. It is a requirement of the Better Care Fund that the CCG and the Council establish a pooled fund for this purpose.

6.2 The amended NHS Act 2006 gives NHS England the powers to attach conditions to the payment of the Better Care Fund. In 2016-17, NHS England has set a number of conditions, which local areas will need to meet to access the funding one of which details the requirement that the Better Care Fund is transferred into one or more pooled funds established under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006

6.3 The purpose of the Agreement is to set out the terms on which we have agreed to collaborate and to establish a framework through which we can secure the future provision of health and social care services through lead or joint commissioning arrangements. It is also a means through which we can pool funds and align budgets as agreed between us.

The aims and benefits in entering in to this Agreement are to:

- (a) improve the quality and efficiency of the Services;
- (b) meet the National Conditions and Local Objectives;
- (c) make more effective use of resources.

- 6.4 The Section 75 in place for 2015-16 has been revised and updated to align with the outcomes of the BCF service review which took place in December 2015. The main amendments include a revised structure for categorising BCF services, a review of the governance arrangements, an updated risk register, changes to the financial envelope and risk sharing arrangements.
- 6.5 The Section 75 covers all the requirements set out within the guidance provided by NHS England.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 The risk pool for 2016-17 is £0.5m

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