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Subject: **The Better Care Fund**

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Summary: This paper presents the first draft of the Kent Better Care Fund Plan and outlines the further steps required in advance of final submission.

Recommendation(s)

The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Agree the first draft of the BCF plan and endorse submission to NHS England;
2. Note the progress required to achieve a final submission and endorse the plan for continued activity.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Better Care Fund was announced in June as part of the 2013 Spending Round. Its aim is to act as the enabler to take the integration agenda forward at scale and pace. The development of a Better Care Fund plan is also an integral part of developing the CCG 5-year strategic plans.

1.2 Kent is an Integrated Care and Support Pioneer supported to deliver integration at pace and scale. As Pioneers Kent has been challenged to ensure that our Better Care Fund is ambitious and helps deliver the transitional steps required to achieve true transformation within health and social care.

1.3 It was agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in November that the Integration Pioneer Steering Group would coordinate producing Kent's plan. A cross-partner working group is coordinating the development of the plan.

2. Ambitions of Kent's Better Care Fund

2.1 Within the Pioneer bid Kent identified the bold ambitions required to create whole system change and improve outcomes for citizens. The key ambition is to create an easily accessible health and social care system that is wrapped around the citizen with the GP as coordinator of their care.

2.3 The Better Care Fund will be used to:

- Take the transitional steps that achieve transformation of health and social care – delivering the 'right care, in the right place at the right time by the right person' to the individual and their carers that need it.
- Support people to stay well in their own homes and communities, wherever possible.
- Support people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
- Reduce the pressure on the acute hospitals by ensuring the right services are available and accessible for people when they are required.

- Get the best possible outcomes within the resources we have available.

2.3 A key principle of Kent's Pioneer programme is the importance of valuing localism with objectives being developed and delivered within CCG areas. To facilitate this, the Kent plan is made up of CCG area plans, which provide the detail to inform the Kent picture and vision.

2.4 The value of the Better Care Fund across Kent is £27m in 2014/15 and £101m in 2015/16, however Kent as a Pioneer wants to go further than this and by 2018 be considering the Kent £ across the entire health and social care economy.

3. Timetable

3.1 The first draft is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration. This will then be submitted to NHS England on 14 February for ratification as part of the CCGs Strategic and Operational Plans. Feedback from this process will be received from NHS England to inform the submission of the final version on 4 April.

3.2 The HWB are asked to recognise that further work will be required prior to considering the final submission on 26 March. Based on initial feedback from NHS England this work includes the following:

- Evidence of engagement with providers – the context of the CCG plans needs to have been discussed with providers at a local level.
- Evidence of impact on providers and market readiness of potential providers.
- Further evidence of public engagement.
- Further development of detailed financial plans, with the aim of including more of the Kent £ within the Better Care Fund.
- Risks and identified mitigations based on risk of the schemes, risk of delivery and risk of non-delivery.
- Agreed metrics – linked to the wider context of the outcomes required by the schemes within the Better Care Fund.

3.3 The current draft of the plan identifies some of the steps required during February and March to achieve these outcomes.

4. Conclusion

4.1 Kent as an Integration Pioneer will deliver integrated care and support at pace and scale. The Better Care Fund underpins this and provides the mechanism to achieve key outcomes across the next two years and achieve the level of transformation required to make sustainable change.

4.2 Although the current first draft submission sets out the required level of ambition for how Kent will use the Better Care Fund it is recognised that further work is required on the Kent plan and the CCG level plans during February and March to ensure that they meet the required standards prior to final submission.

5. Recommendation(s)

The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- 5.1 Agree the first draft of the BCF plan and endorse submission to NHS England.
- 5.2 Note the progress required to achieve a final submission and endorse the plan for continued activity.

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