

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: **Wednesday 20 July 2016**

Time: **9.30am**

Venue: **Edwards Room, County Hall, Norwich**

SUPPLEMENTARY A g e n d a

8c. Norfolk Better Care Fund Plan 2016-17

Report by the Executive Director of Adult Social Services, NCC and
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Report title:	Norfolk's Better Care Fund plan 2016/17
Date of meeting:	20 July 2016
Sponsor:	Harold Bodmer All CCG chief officers
<p>Reason for the Report This report confirms the financial agreement which the County Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups have developed for the maintenance of social care services within the Better Care Fund and therefore presents the 2016/17 plan for Board approval.</p> <p>Report summary The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for approving a Better Care Fund plan for 2016/17 which meets national conditions as set out in the guidance. Approval of the Norfolk BCF plan has been delayed following the reduction in funding previously available from the NHS to protect social care services. Agreement has now been reached between the County Council and the CCGs which mitigates this risk to the maintenance of social care services through additional savings and through the Council providing one-off funding in 2016/17. This will be secured in a separate s75 agreement.</p> <p>The BCF plan for Norfolk therefore now meets the national conditions and is presented to the Board for approval.</p> <p>Key questions for discussion</p> <p>Does the additional agreement now secure the maintenance of social care services?</p> <p>Action/decisions needed:</p> <p>The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the Norfolk Better Care Fund plan for 2016/17. 	

1. Background

- 1.1 At its April 2016 meeting, the Board received the draft narrative submission for the 2016/17 BCF plan, but was notified that the financial plan had not been settled due to the CCGs' stating the funding for the protection of social care was no longer available. The County Council and CCGs confirmed that they were completing a process to resolve the matter.
- 1.2 The Board was advised that it could not approve the BCF plan as it did not meet the following national conditions:

“23. Local areas must include an explanation within their plans of how the use of BCF resources will meet the national condition to maintain provision of social care services.

24. In setting the level of protection for social care localities should ensure that any change does not destabilise the local social and health care system as a whole. This will be assessed compared to 2015-16 figures through NHS England’s regional assurance process.”

2. The settlement of funding to maintain social care

- 2.1 The County Council and CCGs have worked intensively together to reach an agreement which mitigates the risk to social care services given the reduction in funding availability from the NHS in the BCF of £7.9m.
- 2.2 Each partner will contribute to the funding to protect social care and will make additional savings to enable this. This is challenging given that each organisation has existing savings plans and considerable financial pressures.
- 2.3 Given the time required to be able to make sizeable savings, the Council has agreed to provide £5m from non-recurrent funds in 2016/17.
- 2.4 The financial arrangements for the maintenance of priority social care services can be summarised as follows:

	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m	2018/19
Protection of social care requirement	7.9	7.9	7.9
NCC savings	-1.53	-3.3	-3.3
NCC non recurrent support	-5.00		
CCGs savings	-1.37	-5.1	-5.1
Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-0.50</u>	<u>-0.50</u>

- 2.5 In addition, the partners have reflected on the 2015/16 programme and have agreed that the BCF will be governed by one programme board across Norfolk.
- 2.6 This arrangement will be secured in a separate legally binding three year section 75 agreement between the Council and the CCGs for the maintenance of social care services. An agreement is drafted and will be signed by 29th July 2016.

3. Key issues for discussion

- 3.1 The Norfolk BCF plan has been through the regional assurance process with NHS England and received confirmation that it is ‘assured with support’. The full signed plan and schedules will be provided to the national assurance process following Health and Wellbeing Board approval.

The Board needs to consider whether the resolution of the maintenance of social care services now allows for approval of Norfolk’s Better Care Fund for 2016/17. A

full copy of the BCF 2016-17 is available at the following [link](#) and some hard copies will be available for reference at the Board meeting.

4. Proposals/Action

4.1 The Board is asked to:

- Approve the Better Care Fund plan for 2016/17 on the basis that the agreement for maintaining social care service now allows the national conditions to be met

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