

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PART I

FOR INFORMATION

BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2017-2019

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to provide the Wellbeing Board with the final Slough Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19

2. Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

The Board is asked to note the content of the Slough Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19 which was submitted on behalf of the Board on 11 September 2017.

The Board agreed at the meeting on 29 March 2017 for the delegated final decision to sign off on the plan to the Director of Adult Social Care. The Health Partnership Delivery Group reviewed and agreed the plan in the meeting on 29 August. It was then also shared and agreed with the Chair of the Slough Wellbeing Board ahead of final submission on 11 September.

Following submission the plan has been through a regional and national assurance process involving representatives from NHS England, the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Association of Adult Social Services (ADASS). Slough received a letter of approval for the plan on Monday 30 October 2017.

The plan is now published and available to the public via the weblink at the end of this report.

3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan

3a. Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

The Better Care Fund programme is developed and managed between the local authority and CCG together with other delivery partners and aims to improve, both directly and indirectly, the wellbeing outcomes for the people of Slough in the areas of:

- i) increasing life expectancy by focussing on inequalities and
- ii) Improving mental health and wellbeing.

3b. The JSNA

The BCF programme is broad in scope and aims to address, or contribute significantly to a number of areas of need identified in the JSNA. This includes the improvement of

health in Slough's adult population through risk stratification and proactive early interventions with people at risk of disease and ill health.

BCF also encompasses enabling people to age well by promoting good health and maximising independence but also providing short-term support and reablement when required, or help navigate to other sources of support.

There are also elements included that support children and young people in areas such as asthma and support to young carers.

3c. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

The Slough BCF programme contributes to achieving the five year plan outcome of more people will take responsibility and manage their own health, care and support needs.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

The size of the Pooled Budget in 2017-18 is £11.901m and rises to £12.799m in 2018-19. The budget funds a broad range of activity across 32 schemes within the programme which are either commissioned or directly managed services and projects co-ordinated between the partners of the pooled budget agreement.

(b) Risk Management

The Joint Commissioning Board continues to oversee and monitor a risk register for the BCF programme. The register identifies and scores risks of delivery of the programme together with actions to mitigate or manage the risks. These risks have been reviewed and updated again as part of the planning round for 2017-19.

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

No Human Rights implications arise.

There are legal implications arising from how funds are used, managed and audited within a Pooled Budget arrangement under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006.

The Care Act 2014 provides the legislative basis for the Better Care Fund by providing a mechanism that allows the sharing of NHS funding with local authorities.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

The BCF aims to improve outcomes and wellbeing for the people of Slough through effective protection of social care and integrated activity to reduce emergency and urgent health demand. Impact assessments are undertaken as part of planning of any new scheme or project to ensure that there is a clear understanding of how various groups are affected.

(e) Workforce

As previous Better Care reports have highlighted there will be significant workforce development implications as we move forward towards integration for Health and

Social Care by 2020. This will lead to new ways of working in partnership with others which will be aligned together with other change programme activities such as that described in the New Vision of Care being led across the East of Berkshire, the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) and the Social Care reform programme within Adult Social Care services in SBC.

5. **Summary**

The Better Care Fund is a pooled budget between the Slough CCG and Slough Borough Council to support the integration of health and social care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing, and live independently in their communities for as long as possible. It aims to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society, placing them at the centre of their care and support with integrated health and social care support, resulting in improved experience and better quality of life.

The plan for 2017-19 is the third Better Care Fund plan for Slough and marks a mid-point in the journey towards integrated health and social care services by 2020.

6. **Supporting Information**

Supporting information is within the contents of the plan (link below).

7. **Comments of Other Committees**

A draft of the plan was presented and discussed at the Health Partnership Delivery Group. The outline of the plan was agreed by the committee and comments and additions were noted for inclusion in the final document.

8. **Conclusion**

The Board is asked to note the plan and support its direction towards integration of health and social care services. The Board will continue to receive regular updates on progress on implementation of the plan including, financial and risk management and performance against key metrics.

9. **Background Papers**

'1' Slough Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19

<http://www.sloughccg.nhs.uk/about-us/your-slough-ccg/better-care-fund>