



**Leicestershire  
County Council**



**West Leicestershire  
Clinical Commissioning Group**



**East Leicestershire and Rutland  
Clinical Commissioning Group**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 16 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**JOINT REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
WEST LEICESTERSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP AND  
EAST LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND CLINICAL  
COMMISSIONING GROUP**

**FINAL DRAFT OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE  
BETTER CARE FUND SUBMISSION**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the final draft of the Better Care Fund Submission for Leicestershire and supporting papers for approval prior to submission to NHS England on 19<sup>th</sup> September.
2. The submission is currently being prepared and will be the subject of a supplementary report which will be circulated to members of the Board as soon as they are available. It comprises the following in accordance with the NHS England guidance:-
  - (a) The Better Care Fund Template One (narrative template);
  - (b) The Better Care Fund Annexe One (breakdown by BCF scheme);
  - (c) The Better Care Fund Annexe Two (provider commentary);
  - (d) Better Care Fund Template Two (excel analysis of metrics and finance);
  - (e) The Supplementary Papers bundle comprising
    - A) BCF Impact analysis
    - B) BCF Plan on a page
    - C) BCF Spending plan
    - D) BCF Risk analysis
    - E) BCF Programme plan
    - F) Stakeholder feedback
    - G) Performance Report

### **Background and Previous Decisions**

3. Leicestershire's Health and Wellbeing Board submitted a Better Care Fund Plan in April 2014, in line with the previous national policy and guidance.
4. The operational development and delivery of the Better Care Fund plan is undertaken by the Integration Executive on a day to day basis, reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board which has delegated responsibility to agree the Better Care Fund and plans arising from its use.
5. The Integration Executive oversees four areas of work prioritised through the BCF plan plus four other 'business as usual' integration priorities between NHS partners and local government (including improvements to continuing health care services).
6. The revised Better Care Fund Plan was submitted to the governing bodies of East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group and West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group on 9<sup>th</sup> September. The outcomes of these meetings will be reported to the Board.
7. A report providing an update on the development of the Better Care Fund Plan was also submitted to Leicestershire County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Any comments from this meeting will also be reported to the Board. A similar report is being submitted to Leicestershire County Council's Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Assurance Process**

8. It is expected that the assurance process will take place during the weeks commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014. This will be followed by national moderation, with reporting up to ministerial level.
9. The assurance process indicates that BCF plans in challenged health and care economies, such as Leicestershire, are likely to receive low ratings (e.g. approved with conditions).
10. The Health and Wellbeing Board will be required to participate in the National Assurance process for BCF plans which commences on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. This will require members of the Board/BCF Team participating in a telephone conference call with the national assurance team. At the time of writing this report scheduling arrangements have not yet been confirmed.

### **Recommendation**

7. The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:
  - (a) Approve the BCF plan, noting any feedback from CCG Boards on 9<sup>th</sup> September and authorise the Chief Executive of Leicestershire County Council to make any final amendments agreed by the Health and

Wellbeing Board, for onward submission to NHS England on 19<sup>th</sup> September;

- (b) Note that the Health and Wellbeing Board will be participating in the National Assurance process for BCF plans which commences on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and will require members of the Board/BCF Team participating in a telephone conference call with the national assurance team;
- (c) Note that arrangements for the Integration Executive to have day to day oversight of the delivery of the BCF plan were approved in March 2014.

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