

North Tyneside Health & Wellbeing Board Report Date: 29 October 2015

ITEM 16

Title: Better Care Fund -
Monitoring

Report from : North Tyneside Council

Report Author: Michael Robson, Law & Governance (Tel: 643 5359)

1. Purpose:

This report seeks the Board's approval to arrangements whereby the Council's Adult Social Care, Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee undertakes the monitoring and scrutiny of the delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan on behalf of the Board.

2. Recommendation(s):

The Board is recommended to agree to the Adult Social Care Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee undertaking the monitoring of the delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan.

3. Policy Framework

The Better Care Fund relates to the following objectives in the North Tyneside Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2023:

- To continually seek and develop new ways to improve the health and wellbeing of the population;
- To reduce the difference in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy between the most affluent and most deprived areas of the borough;
- To shift investment to focus on evidence based prevention and early intervention;
- To build resilience in local communities through focussed interventions and ownership of local initiatives to improve health and wellbeing; and
- To integrate services where there is an opportunity for better outcomes for the public and better use of public money.

4. Information:

At its meeting on 19 March 2015 the Board received a report outlining the performance measures against which the delivery of the Better Care Fund (BCF) would be assessed. At that time the Board agreed that it would receive quarterly progress reports in relation to the performance measures.

Following that decision and during discussions between the Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Council's Adult Social Care, Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee, it was suggested that the monitoring of the delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan be undertaken

by the Sub-Committee. This would enable the Board to focus its attention on other priorities, allow the sub-committee to perform its role in reviewing and scrutinising performance management information and avoid duplication.

At its meeting on 4 June 2014 the Adult Social Care, Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee agreed to regularly monitor delivery of the Better Care Fund plan. Consequently reports have been received by the sub-committee on 9 July, 10 September 2015 and 8 October 2015. Copies of these reports are available on the Council's website.

5. Decision options:

The Board may either:-

- a) agree to the Adult Social Care Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee undertaking the monitoring of the delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan; or
- b) undertake the monitoring itself.

6. Reasons for recommended option:

The Board is recommended to agree option a) above as this will enable the Board to focus its attention on other priorities, allow the Adult Social Care Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee to perform its role in reviewing and scrutinising performance management information and help avoid duplication.

7. Appendices:

None.

8. Contact officers:

Michael Robson, Law & Governance, (Tel: 643 5359)

9. Background information:

The following background documents have been used in the compilation of this report and are available from the author:-

- Minutes of the Health & Wellbeing Board – 19 March 2015
- Minutes of the Adult Social Care, Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee – 4 June 2015

COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

10 Finance and other resources

There are no financial implications.

11 Legal

The powers and duties in relation to the operation of health scrutiny are outlined in the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

12 Consultation/community engagement

This proposal has previously been discussed at an agenda setting meeting involving key members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

13 Human rights

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

14 Equalities and diversity

There are no equalities and diversity implications directly arising from this report.

15 Risk management

A risk assessment has not been undertaken in relation to this item.

16 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

SIGN OFF

Director of Public Health

Chair/Deputy Chair of the Board

Chief Finance Officer

Head of Law & Governance