

REPORT TO MERTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP GOVERNING BODY

Date of Meeting: 27th March 2014

Agenda No: 6.2

Attachment: 06

Title of Document: Better Care Fund	Purpose of Report: To inform the Governing Body regarding the Better Care Fund
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Executive Summary: See Overleaf	
Key sections for particular note (paragraph/page), areas of concern etc: The Governing Body are asked to note the delivery structure in Appendix 6.	
Recommendation(s): Governing Body to agree the plan for submission to NHS England on 4 April 2014.	
Committees which have previously discussed/agreed the report: Executive Management Team, Health and Wellbeing Board (for confirmation on 25 March 2014), Sections, GP Leads Forum, CRG.	
Financial Implications: Significant – Chief Finance Officer to discuss as part of agenda item 7.4	
Implications for CCG Governing Body: Significant – Organisational wide impact	
How has the Patient voice been considered in development of this paper: This work builds on what we were told at our Engage Merton Event, sources of information (complaints, PALS, Health and Wellbeing Board), feedback forums and other events attended by officers of the CCG.	
Other Implications: (including patient and public involvement/Legal/Governance/Risk/Diversity/Staffing)	
Equality Assessment: TBC	
Information Privacy Issues: Nil of note	
Communication Plan: (including any implications under the Freedom of Information Act or NHS Constitution) Once agreed the document will be sent to all relevant partners and used as a communication tool to a number of key groups	

Executive Summary:

In the planning guidance Everyone Counts: Planning for Patients, there is a requirement for CCGs to submit a Better Care Fund Submission

- .1.1. The Better Care Fund (previously referred to as the Integration Transformation Fund) was announced in June 2013 as part of the 2013 spending round. Its aim is to provide opportunity to change local services so that people receive more integrated care and support in community settings. It encompasses a significant level of funding to help local areas become more financially sustainable.
- .1.2. The Fund objectives are to provide protection for social care services and to support local transformation of services so that more people are supported in the community receiving integrated health and social care services. The Fund for Merton is £12,198,000, as from 2015/16. This is funding already in the system, whether through existing Department of Health grants or through the Clinical Commissioning Group. The previously formed Merton Integration Project Board was formed to deliver these objectives. It has met monthly since March 2013 and has initiated work in the following main areas:
 - Forming three locality teams in Merton, consisting of social care, primary care and community health staff, with an aim of providing person centred integrated case management
 - Drawing together provider services to give a fast, practical, 24/7 response to needs and to help keep people in the setting which incurs least dependency
 - Resolving the problems which prevent health and social care staff sharing patient information with each other
 - A shared financial and performance framework to underpin this
 - Working with health and social care teams to promote any required changes in practice and culture
- .1.3. A first draft of the BCF Plan was submitted to NHS England by 14 February 2014, following which good feedback was received on the quality and content of the draft submission and advice was given on some areas to expand. The overall rating was '1', which signified 'no areas for concern'.

Since the guidance and templates for the plan only came out in December 2013, it has not been possible to bring the draft to the full Governing Body. The final draft attached is required by 4 April.