

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 26th March, 2014.

Present: Cllr Jim Beall(Chairman), Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Mr Alan Foster, Cllr Ken Lupton, Jane Humphreys, Peter Kelly, Audrey Pickstock, Dr Paul Williams, Ali Wilson

Officers: Sarah Bowman, Victoria Cooling (PH), Margaret Waggott, Michael Henderson (LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Tony Beckwith, Barry Coppinger, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Steve Walmsley

HWB 79/13 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

HWB 80/13 **Better Care Fund**

The Board considered a report that provided further information regarding the Better Care Fund (BCF), including the latest guidance, financial allocations and timescales. The report included the feedback received from NHS England and the NHS Local Area Team, following submission of the draft BCF plan, in February. The Plan had been updated in the light of the feedback and was presented to the Board for approval and sign-off. The report also outlined the next steps and milestones relating to implementation of the BCF plan.

Specific reference was made to the BCF in 2015/16, which was £14.065m. This reflected a reduction in the overall fund of £286,000 compared to the figures presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in February. It was explained that this reduction was the result of a national error in the calculation of BCF allocations.

The Board considered and supported the Plan and Members reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring its success.

It was explained that the Board would receive regular updates on the progress of the Plan.

RESOLVED that:

1. the updated information and guidance relating to the Better Care Fund be noted.
2. the feedback received following the assurance process that reviewed the draft plan be noted.
3. the updated BCF planning templates be approved for submission to the NHS Local Area Team and NHS England by 4th April 2014.
4. authority to make any further changes to the approved BCF planning templates, prior to submission, be delegated to the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care, in Consultation with the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Director of Public Health and Chief Officer, NHS

Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees CCG. Any changes that needed to be made to the planning templates, prior to submission, would be reported to a future Board meeting.

5. the next steps and milestones be noted.