

# Agenda Item 45.

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Better Care Fund Quarterly Return to Department of Health Quarter 1 2015</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board on 8 October 2015
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Stuart Rowbotham, Director of Health and Wellbeing

## **OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

The Better Care Fund (BCF) has been created to promote the integration of health and social care services, to provide a better quality of service to users and greater efficiency across the system.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Health and Well Being Board (HWBB) note and approve the content of Wokingham's Better Care Fund quarterly return to the Department of Health (DoH) for Quarter 1 of 2015.

## **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

The Department of Health requires Health and Well-Being Boards Under s.223G of the NHS Act 2006 (as amended most recently by the Care Act 2014) to submit quarterly returns. It shows how our BCF plan is progressing against nationally set conditions, describing BCF finances and our performance targets.

The return shows that the Wokingham BCF is meeting all the national conditions and that we are on budget and not projected to overspend.

## **Background**

The DoH timetable for the returns does not fit with HWBB meeting dates, so previously the HWBB agreed that the Executive Member for Health and Well-Being would approve or not the quarterly return and that they would then be brought to the subsequent HWBB.

The Berkshire West BCF programme office co-ordinates the completion of the quarterly return as they own most data required, local BCF resources complete certain sections and liaise with the delegated member, Julian McGhee-Sumner to sign off the return on behalf of the HWBB before submission to the DoH. This was completed on 24/8/15.

The report format changes from quarter to quarter to reflect the information that the DoH requires:

Tab 1 -Cover is a short summary of the return

Tab 2- Budget Arrangements asks whether we have met the national condition of pooled funding via a section 75 agreement. Note in our previous return Qtr 4 2014 we had not yet met this condition so the first question was pre-populated by DoH as a 'no', we have now met this condition and this is reflected in this tab.

Tab 3- National Conditions shows that we currently meet all national BCF conditions

along with some commentary.

Tab 4- Non-Elective (NEL) and Payment for Performance (P4P) - this tracks performance against NEL ambitions and associated P4P payments.

Tab 5- Income and Expenditure - this tracks income into, and expenditure from, pooled budgets over the course of the year.

Tab 6- Local metrics - this tracks performance against the locally set metric and locally defined patient experience metric in BCF plans.

Tab 7- Understanding support needs this asks what the key barrier to integration is locally and what support might be required.

Tab 8- Narrative this provides additional commentary regarding matters in the return showing progress that the BCF has made in agreeing section 75 pooled budget arrangements formally and Wokingham Borough Council achieving IGSO compliance, which is a pre-requisite for health sharing information with the Council.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

***The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.***

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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