

**FEEDBACK FROM THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION BOARD**

**Report of the Chair of the Health and Social Care Integration Board**

1. The Health and Social Care Integration Board has continued to meet under the new arrangements established by Health and Wellbeing Board to oversee the delivery of health and social care integration and this report outlines the issues considered at the meeting held on 10 September 2015.
2. **Action Points from the last meeting**
  - 2.1 The Action List arising from the meeting held on 23 July 2015 was considered the following actions agreed as being complete: -
    - People Services Structure Chart to be revised to show the names of the individuals in each post.
    - Provider Board to be requested to submit a “high level” action report
    - Record of Declarations of Interest for Board members to be established and agenda structured so that it is clear which reports are for decision and which are for information.
    - Detail of the value proposition for funding to support the delivery of the Vanguard programme to be circulated.
    - Better Care Fund Assurance Submission to be circulated electronically to Members and submitted with the caveat that the final figures would be subject to Cabinet approval.
  - 2.2 With regard to the longer term costs of the Care Act being considered by the Board, Graham King reported that some of the new regulations had been put back to 2020 and he proposed that a paper on the high-level implications be brought to the next meeting. Members were informed that new burdens funding had been allocated to support the implementation of the Care Act and correspondence had been received from the Government to ask what had been committed against this funding as it was understood that they were seeking to claw back some money due to the regulations being delayed.
  - 2.3 The Board had also agreed an action to review the meeting schedule so that it was in line with the Q4 report submission dates, however it was noted that this would only work once the schedule had been set nationally. Dave Gallagher advised that he was lobbying on this issue and the documentation to be completed had been confirmed for the next few months but submission dates remained unconfirmed. He would pass the available information to Karen Graham to help align the schedules.

### **3. Better Care Fund Financial Report for the Period to 31 July 2015**

- 3.1 Sonia Tognarelli presented the Better Care Fund Financial Report for the period to 31 July 2015 (Month 4) to the Board.
- 3.2 Sonia informed the Board that there was currently a forecast overspend of £8.898m for the Better Care Fund at the year end. The overspend was primarily in the Packages and Learning Disability Service schemes and represented some of the increased costs involved in keeping people in their own homes.
- 3.3 The Board considered the year end forecast position in relation to each pool and it was noted that further analysis was being carried out to fully understand the reasons behind the overspend and this detail would be presented to a future Board meeting.
- 3.4 A detailed discussion took place in relation to the process for identifying savings and reviewing customer needs in each pool. The full minute of the discussion is available on request.
- 3.5 It was felt that it was still early days in the transition to an integrated approach but it was noted that work was taking place over the next few months to try and understand the difference which was being made as a result of the new way of working. The Board did feel that some areas needed to be more 'joined up' and work continued towards achieving effective integration.
- 3.6 There was a clear commitment from the Board to move quickly to identify in year efficiencies and mitigation actions towards the project overspend. Continuing care had been identified as a pool experiencing particular pressures and a time limited review group was to be established to explore the issues in this area.
- 3.7 The Board was also required to consider the following budget virements: -
- Virement 9 – Correction of CGG contribution to the Community Integrated Teams and Recovery at home Services Pool which had been overstated by £132,486
  - Virement 10 – Payment to Sunderland Care and Support Limited increased by £115,444 as a result of various contract variations
- 3.8 Upon detailed consideration of the report, the Board RESOLVED that: -
- (i) the summary financial performance to 31 July 2015 detailed in section 2 of the report be noted;
  - (ii) the updated financial efficiency requirements for the Better Care Fund, detailed in section 3 of the report be noted;
  - (iii) virements 9 and 10 detailed in section 4 of the report be approved; and

- (iv) the potential additional financial risks detailed in section 5 of the report be noted.

#### **4. NHS England Better Care Fund 2015/2016 Quarter 1 Return**

- 4.1 The Board considered the Better Care Fund 2015/2016 Quarter 1 return and noted that this had been approved by the Chair of the Board for submission on 28 August 2015 as time scales had meant that it was not possible for this to be brought to a full Board meeting prior to submission. The return for Quarter 1 covered the following: -
- Budget arrangements
  - Compliance with national conditions for the Better Care Fund
  - Non elective activity and payment for performance calculations
  - Income and expenditure reported plan, forecast and actuals
  - Local metric reported plan and actuals
  - Any required support needs
  - Narrative on overall progress on delivering the Better Care Fund plan
- 4.2 The submission document also identified risks which included the delivery of non-elective activity being adverse against the plan by 2.2%. With regard to local metrics, the dementia diagnosis metric was ahead of plan and the local defined patient experience metric was in development stage. The narrative section of the submission referred to the development of the logic model which would match outcomes against service reforms.
- 4.3 Dave Chandler advised that the Quarter 2 submission was due on 22 November and would be brought to the Board meeting on 12 November 2015.
- 4.3 The Board RESOLVED that: -
- (i) the content of the Better Care Fund 2015/2016 Quarter 1 Return be noted; and
  - (ii) the approval by Chair's action of the Better Care Fund 2015/2016 Quarter 1 Return be ratified.

#### **5. Funding Opportunities for Health and Wellbeing**

- 5.1 The Board received a presentation from James Garland, Senior Funding and Commercial Officer, Sunderland City Council, on funding opportunities for health and social care projects. James referred to funding available through the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) and that the Employability and Social Inclusion and Skills themes may provide specific avenues for health related projects
- 5.2 Discussion ensued about how the health and social care partners in Sunderland could take advantage of the available funding opportunities and it was agreed that a small group including Sarah Reed, Gillian Gibson and

Graham King meet with James Garland to look at funding opportunities in more detail.

## **6. Items for the Next Agenda and Forward Plan**

6.1 Future items of business were identified as follows: -

- Implications of the Care Act – Graham King
- Quarter 2 Better Care Fund Submission – November meeting
- EU Funding

## **7. Recommendation**

7.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the update from the Health and Social Care Integration Board.