

Cheshire East Council

Health & Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting:	31 May 2016
Report of:	Sue Redmond (Interim Director of Adult Social Care)
Subject/Title:	Better Care Fund 2016/17
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Janet Clowes (Adults and Integration) Cllr Paul Bates (Communities and Health)

- 1.1 The purpose of this briefing note is to provide Health & Wellbeing Board with an update on the plan for the Cheshire East Better Care Fund (BCF) in 2016/17.
- 1.2 On 27th April 2016, Cheshire East submitted the third of three BCF planning submissions, in the form of an Excel template and a Word narrative document. These are provided along with this paper.
- 1.3 At the time of submission, the only outstanding area of clarity was the need for finance colleagues across all the partners develop the final expenditure plan. Work has been underway since submission to rectify this, and at the time of writing a plan has been agreed by colleagues and awaits executive level agreement.
- 1.4 However, additional issues have arisen since submission that may cause further changes to be made to the expenditure plan. In particular the CCGs' intentions to potentially withdraw funding from carers' breaks. At the time of writing, a confirmed position regarding this is pending.
- 1.5 Formal feedback from NHS England is expected by the end of May 2016. This had not been received at the time of writing but the expectation, based on informal feedback, is that Cheshire East will be "approved with support". The implications of this being that additional work will be required on plans by the end of June to ensure they can be "fully approved". Failure to do this will result in escalation to national level. Initial feedback has been received through ADASS. Most Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOEs) were assured with some suggestions for improvement. These have been addressed in the attached drafts. No formal conditions are therefore expected to be attached to Cheshire East's BNCF plan for 2016/17. However, at the time of writing this was yet to be formally confirmed.

- 1.6 The areas requiring attention are likely to be the spending plan, the lack of a DTOC plan for South Cheshire CCG and assurance that DTOC is a standing item on SRG agendas.
- 1.7 The total pooled budget submitted was £25,825,383, some way over the £24,236,470 minimum. This incorporates the additional areas of Cheshire Care Record, Mental Health Reablement, Carers and Community Equipment Scheme, as well as those in the 2015/16 BCF.
- 1.8 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting:
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