

**TITLE OF REPORT: Better Care Fund: 4th Quarterly Return
(2016/17) to NHS England**

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek the endorsement of the Health & Wellbeing Board to the Better Care Fund return to NHS England for the 4th Quarter of 2016/17.

Background

2. The HWB approved the Gateshead Better Care Fund (BCF) submission for Gateshead at its meeting on 22 April 2016, which in turn was approved by NHS England in July 2016.
3. NHS England is continuing its quarterly monitoring arrangements for the BCF which requires a template return to be submitted in respect of our BCF Plan for each quarter of 2016/17. The Board has already endorsed the BCF returns for quarter 1, 2 and 3 of 2016/17.

Quarter 4 Template Return for 2016/17

4. In line with the timetable set by NHS England, a return for the 4th quarter of 2016/17 was required to be submitted by the 31st May and this requirement was met. The return sets out progress in relation to budget arrangements, meeting national conditions, and performance against BCF metrics. It also includes a narrative update on progress made.

Proposal

5. It is proposed that the Board endorse the 4th Quarter BCF return for 2016/17 that has been submitted to NHS England (attached as an excel document).

Recommendations

6. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to endorse the Better Care Fund 4th Quarter return for 2016/17.

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