



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
1 December 2017

**TITLE OF REPORT: Better Care Fund: 2nd Quarterly Return
(2017/18) 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 2nd Quarter of 2017/18.

Background

2. The HWB approved the Gateshead Better Care Fund (BCF) submission 2017-19 at its meeting on 8 September 2017, which in turn was approved in full by NHS England on 27 October 2017.
3. NHS England is continuing its quarterly monitoring arrangements for the BCF which requires quarterly template returns to be submitted. However, it has not sought a return for Quarter 1 as the BCF planning exercise was not complete for that quarter.

Quarter 2 Template Return for 2017/18

4. In line with the timetable set by NHS England, a return for the 2nd quarter of 2017/18 was required to be submitted by the 17th November and this requirement has been met. The return sets out progress in relation to budget arrangements, meeting national conditions, performance against BCF metrics and implementation of the High Impact Change Model for managing transfers of care. It also includes a narrative update on progress made.

Proposal

5. It is proposed that the Board endorse the 2nd Quarter BCF return for 2017/18 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 2nd Quarter return for 2017/18.

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