

TITLE OF REPORT: Better Care Fund: 2nd Quarterly Return (2018/19)

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 2018/19.

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. As part of the reporting arrangements for 2018/19, the return also incorporates how Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) funding (announced at the Spring budget 2017) is being used to support initiatives / projects, including those addressing adult social care pressures. Previously, this was reported in a separate return to DCLG during 2017/18.

Quarter 2 Template Return for 2018/19

4. In line with the timetable set by NHS England, a return for the 2nd quarter of 2018/19 is required to be submitted by the 19th October. 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 progress update.

Proposal

5. It is proposed that the Board endorse the 2nd Quarter BCF return for 2018/19 to be 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 2018/19.

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