

**TITLE OF REPORT: Better Care Fund: 4th Quarterly Return
(2015/16) 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 2015/16.

Background

2. The HWB approved the Gateshead Better Care Fund (BCF) submission for Gateshead at its meeting on 19 September 2014, which in turn was approved by NHS England in December 2014.
3. NHS England introduced quarterly monitoring arrangements for the BCF which requires a template return to be submitted in respect of our BCF Plan.
4. The Board has previously endorsed the Quarter 4 return for 2014/2015 and Quarters 1, 2 and 3 returns for 2015/16.

Quarter 4 Template Return for 2015/16

5. A return has been submitted to NHS England for the 4th Quarter of 2015/16 in line with the deadline set of 27th May. The return reflects the trends reported to the Board at its April meeting when it considered and endorsed the BCF Plan for 2016/17. The return included a progress update and set out the position in relation to funding arrangements, national BCF conditions and metrics.

Future BCF Returns for 2016/17

6. Guidance is awaited from NHS England on BCF reporting requirements during 2016/17.

Proposal

7. It is proposed that the Board endorse the 4th Quarter BCF return for 2015/16 (attached as an excel document).

Recommendations

8. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to endorse the Better Care Fund 4th Quarter return for 2015/16 to NHS England.

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