

**TITLE OF REPORT: Better Care Fund: 1st 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 1st 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 return for the 1st quarter of 2016/17 is due to be submitted by the 9th September and sets out progress in relation to budget arrangements, meeting the national conditions, performance against BCF metrics etc.

Future BCF Returns for 2016/17

4. Deadlines have also been set by NHS England for the completion of future quarterly returns for 2016/17 are as follows:
Q2 2016/17: 25th November 2016
Q3 2016/17: 24th February 2017
Q4 2016/17: 24th May 2017
5. These will continue to be brought to the Board for endorsement as required.

Proposal

6. It is proposed that the Board endorse the 1st Quarter BCF return for 2016/17 (attached as an excel document).

Recommendations

7. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to endorse the Better Care Fund 1st Quarter return for 2016/17 to NHS England.

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