

**TITLE OF REPORT: Better Care Fund: 2nd 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 2nd 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 endorsed the Quarter 1 return for 2016/17 at its meeting on 9th September 2016.

Quarter 2 Template Return for 2016/17

4. In line with the timetable set by NHS England a return for the 2nd quarter of 2016/17 has been submitted on the 25th November. The return sets out progress in relation to budget arrangements, meeting national conditions, and performance against BCF metrics. It also includes a narrative progress update section.

Future BCF Returns for 2016/17

5. The deadline set by NHS England for the completion of future quarterly returns for 2016/17 are as follows:

Q3 2016/17: 24th February 2017

Q4 2016/17: 24th May 2017

6. These will continue to be brought to the Board for endorsement as required.

Proposal

7. It is proposed that the Board endorse the 2nd Quarter BCF return for 2016/17 which has been submitted to NHS England (attached as an excel document).

Recommendations

8. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to endorse the Better Care Fund 2nd Quarter return for 2016/17.

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