

TITLE OF REPORT: Better Care Fund: 4th Quarterly Return (2017/18)

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 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. The Board endorsed a return for Quarter 3 at its meeting on 19 January 2018.

Quarter 4 Template Return for 2017/18

4. In line with the timetable set by NHS England, a return for the 4th quarter of 2017/18 is required to be submitted by the 20th April. 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 and end of year feedback.

Proposal

5. It is proposed that the Board endorse the 4th Quarter BCF return for 2017/18 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 4th Quarter return for 2017/18.

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