

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board
DATE: 6th July 2016
REPORTING OFFICER: Director Adult Social Services
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Better Care Fund 2016/17
WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the submission of the Better Care Fund 2016/17

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the content of the report and associated documents be noted.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Better Care Fund for 2016/17 is a continuation of the fund from 2015/16. The Department of Health and NHS England in partnership with the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services were keen to see progress in the 2016/17 submission of the various schemes and system changes that would support the key metrics

3.2 For 206/17 additional metrics have been developed in relation to the management of Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC), integration of IT systems and the development of case coordination and care planning.

The success of the Halton implementation and achievement of the key performance indicators in 2015/16 has enabled us to develop further on community initiatives that bring care and support closer to people's homes and family context.

This aligns to the Sustainability and Transformation Planning required of NHS Halton CCG and the locality where key risk management and sharing across the system is planned for.

The achievement of the Non-elective Admission performance target has removed the requirement to have a 'pay for performance' component in Halton and we have used this to support a contingency fund that will support fluctuations in demand and capacity.

Much of the 2016/17 submission remains a continuation of the

successful approach in 2015/16 and initial feedback suggests that Halton will be approved unconditionally. This will be confirmed by 30th June 2016.

There has been a slight increase to the CCG minimum contribution of £40,000.00 and the whole of adult social care Disabled Facilities Grant and the capital allocation is now included in the Better Care Fund.

A renewed Joint Working Agreement between Halton Borough Council and NHS Halton CCG is in place for a further 3 years and therefore the Better Care Fund forms part of this wider pool. This is attached for information

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None identified at this stage

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Better Care Fund sits within the wider pooled budget arrangement and the financial context of the local health and social care environment. The pooling of resources and integrating processes and approach to the management of people with health and social care needs will support effective resource utilisation.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 A Healthy Halton

Developing integration further between Halton Borough Council and the NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group will have a direct impact on improving the health of people living in Halton. The plan that is developed is linked to the priorities identified for the borough by the Health and Well Being Board.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Management of risks associated with service redesign and project implementation are through the governance structures outlined within the Joint Working Agreement.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None identified at this stage

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None within the meaning of the Act.