

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board
DATE: 4 October 2017
REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Adult Social Services
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Better Care Fund 2017 - 19
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 2017 - 19

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the content of the report and associated documents.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Better Care Fund for 2017 - 19 is a continuation of the fund from 2016/17. 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 2017 - 19 submission of the various schemes and system changes that would support the key metrics.

3.2 In order to streamline the process, NHS England have reduced the amount of performance metrics that we are required to report on to four, in relation to the management of Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC), non-elective admissions to hospital, admissions to residential and nursing care homes and number of people who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital (reablement).

The success of the Halton implementation and achievement of the key performance indicators in 2016/17 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.

Much of the 2017 - 19 submission remains a continuation of the successful approach in 2016/17.

The Joint Working Agreement between Halton Borough Council and

NHS Halton CCG is in place for a further 2 years and therefore the Better Care Fund forms part of this wider pool. This is attached within the narrative submission.

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.