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**NHS VALE OF YORK CLINICAL
COMMISSIONING GROUP**

GOVERNING BODY MEETING



Vale of York

Clinical Commissioning Group

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Title: Better Care Fund

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Strategic Priority

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a nationally mandated enabler which supports NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group's long term strategic vision.

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to share the initial BCF submissions (City of York Council, North Yorkshire County Council and East Riding of York Council) with the Governing Body to assure them of progress to date. The submissions are attached for Governing Body members and available on the website at www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk.

Recommendations

That the Governing Body accept the content of the submissions to date and agree they will continue to support the refresh of the submissions required on 6 April 2014.

Impact on Patients and Carers

The proposals within the submissions, in particular the development of Care Hubs, will have a significant positive impact on patients and carers. The project teams delivering these pilots will complete Equality Impact Assessments and Privacy Impact Assessments and will develop engagement and consultation strategies to ensure all members of the public are engaged as much as they want to be.

Impact on Resources (Financial and HR)

The financial impact of BCF is significant. The funds required to be transferred to BCF are already committed and the CCG will have to work closely with its partners, in particular York Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust (YTHFT) to ensure the necessary efficiencies are delivered to support this transfer.

Risk Implications

The most significant risk is that the care hubs don't deliver the required shift in activity from hospital to more community based settings. This, and any other associated risks will be monitored through the proposed governance structures and will be reported through relevant delivery boards to Health and Wellbeing Boards. Weekly reporting will be mandated in the early stages of pilot development to ensure any risks are identified and acted on as soon as possible.

Equalities Implications

See Impact on Patients and Carers.

Sustainability Implications

The Better Care Fund has the potential to deliver a significant shift in the way care is planned and delivered across the CCG. By moving more care into community based settings, there is the opportunity to realise financial savings through more efficient use of resources as well as environmental impacts through reduced journeys to hospital. These impact will be developed and tracked as part of the Governance Plan.