

**Sheffield Integrated Commissioning Programme/ Better Care Fund
Update**

Item 17h

Governing Body meeting

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Is your report for Approval / Consideration / Noting	
Noting. This report is to update Governing Body on key developments with regard to Integrated Commissioning (the Better Care Fund).	
Are there any Resource Implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?	
None specific to this update. There are of course significant resource implications in establishing a pooled budget under the requirements of the DH Better Care Fund requirements.	
Audit Requirement	
<u>CCG Objectives</u>	
<i>Which of the CCG's objectives does this paper support?</i> Strategic Objective - To ensure there is a sustainable, affordable healthcare system in Sheffield. It supports management of the CCG's principal risk 3.2 in the Assurance Framework.	
<u>Equality impact assessment</u>	
<i>Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?</i> No. <i>If not, why not?</i> There are no specific issues associated with this report.	
<u>PPE Activity</u>	
<i>How does your paper support involving patients, carers and the public?</i> There has been Health and Wellbeing Board led engagement on integrated commissioning and there will be engagement on specific service developments.	
Recommendations	
Governing Body is asked to note this progress report.	

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1. Introductions

Sheffield CCG and Sheffield City Council have agreed to establish a pooled budget to cover four key areas of work, with the aim of improving service user experience and outcomes and making the best decisions about the use of the resource available between us. The four areas of work are:

- Keeping People Well in their Community
- Independent Living Solutions
- Active support and Recovery
- Long Term High Support

The proposed pooled budget includes our current expenditure in those areas, including CCG expenditure community equipment, intermediate care services, community nursing and Continuing Health Care. It also includes our expenditure on non elective admissions (other than surgical admissions) as our plans should result in movement of money – and savings – from this area.

This report summarises the current position on developing the pooled budget and the service plans the pooling of budgets will enable.

2. Key Developments

Developing the section 75 agreement

It is, of course, critically important that we agree and document how we will make decisions and share risk on the pooled budget. Senior officers from both organisations are discussing a number of issues, to be able to propose arrangements to Governing Body and SCC's Cabinet, to be presented in January or February 2015.

Integrated Commissioning Programme Board

A formal Programme Board has now been established to oversee the development of the commissioning projects and the pooled budget arrangements. This met for the second time on 23 October and agreed the scope for the Active Support and Recovery project (covering intermediate care and other community services, potentially including community nursing) and the Long Term High Support project (proposing integration of assessment and care management, procurement and contract management, initially focussing on gains to be achieved in contracting).

National Assurance

Sheffield submitted details of our plans, in line with Department of Health requirements in September. We have now received confirmation that our plans have been Approved With Support, with final approval – and therefore release of the part of the CCG's allocation that is the Better Care Fund funding –subject to us providing details of our cases for change, our risk sharing arrangements, how we are engaging with providers, and final metrics for the scheme. All of these are in hand, and are necessary in any event to enable informed decisions locally about final agreement. We expect to receive final approval in January 2015.

3. Recommendations

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