

Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board - 5 March 2015

Better Care Fund Update

1. Introduction

Oxfordshire's Better Care Fund plan was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 8 January 2015 and was subsequently submitted, with the revisions suggested by the Board, to NHS England (NHSE) on 9 January 2015.

2. Approval Process

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group was contacted by NHS England's assurance team as part of the Nationally Consistent Assurance Review, to work through a number of queries and provide evidence to support our submission. This was worked on by the Clinical Commissioning Group in partnership with the County Council.

As a result we were notified in February that Oxfordshire's Better Care Fund has been approved with minimal support and we have agreement to begin implementing the plan from 1 April 2015.

3. Implementation

The Clinical Commissioning Group with support from colleagues in the County Council is developing an implementation plan to monitor existing schemes within the plan and scope and project manage new schemes. This will be available by April 2015 and will be circulated to Board members.

We are also determining the governance and reporting structure for the BCF programme which will be taken forward as a programme under the new system wide Transformation Board, chaired by Stuart Bell.

Clinical Commissioning Group and County Council colleagues have also taken up the offer of national implementation workshops to help inform our implementation plans going forward.

4. Next steps

A further update on implementation will be presented to the next Board meeting in July.

The various schemes and performance indicators related to the Better Care Fund will also be included in the updated Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which will also be reported to the July meeting of the Board.

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