

10 March 2016		ITEM: 10
Health and Wellbeing Board		
Reporting Arrangements with Thurrock Integrated Commissioning Executive		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-key	
Report of: Ceri Armstrong, Directorate Strategy Officer		
Accountable Head of Service: n/a		
Accountable Director: Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health; and Mandy Ansell, Acting Interim Accountable Officer Thurrock CCG		
This report is public		

Executive Summary

The Integrated Commissioning Executive is responsible for overseeing the development and delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan. This includes all decisions and oversight relating to the Better Care Pooled Fund.

The Integrated Commissioning Executive is responsible to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Board are responsible for signing off the Better Care Fund Plan.

This report sets out the reporting arrangements between the Board and the Integrated Commissioning Executive. In doing so, it establishes an increased level of transparency and ensures the Board can gain the appropriate levels of assurance for how the Plan is being both developed and delivered.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board agree reporting arrangements with the Integrated Commissioning Executive.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 The Integrated Commissioning Executive was established for the purpose of overseeing the development and delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan including agreeing the scope of the related health and care transformation programme.

- 2.2 Reporting arrangements for the Integrated Commissioning Executive are to the Health and Wellbeing Board and respective partner organisations – Thurrock Council and Thurrock CCG.
- 2.3 The first Better Care Fund Plan and Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement commenced in April 2015. Responsibility for the Plan and for adhering to the terms of the Section 75 Agreement fall to the Integrated Commissioning Executive, and the Executive meets on a monthly basis to do this.
- 2.4 The purpose of this report is to formalise reporting arrangements between the Integrated Commissioning Executive and Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure that the Board has appropriate oversight of the decisions and operation governing the delivery of Thurrock's Better Care Fund Plan.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 The Integrated Commissioning Executive meets monthly to oversee the development and delivery of Thurrock's Better Care Plan and Better Care Fund. How the Fund operates is governed by a section 75 agreement between the Council and Thurrock CCG. The Fund is spent in accordance with the Plan which is agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board. Any changes must be agreed by both parties (Thurrock Council and Thurrock CCG) through the Integrated Commissioning Executive.
- 3.2 Whilst the Integrated Executive Committee is governed by the Health and Wellbeing Board, formal reporting arrangements have not been established – the section 75 agreement includes the Executive Committee's Terms of Reference which state that an annual governance report should be brought to the Board. In order for the Board to receive the assurance it requires and to have necessary oversight, the recommendation is that the Board receives Integrated Commissioning Executive minutes at each Board meeting – in addition to an annual governance report.
- 3.3 The minutes from the most recent meeting (January 2016) are attached for the Board's review.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 Formalising reporting arrangements between the Board and Integrated Commissioning Executive will allow the Board to gain the assurance it needs that the Better Care Plan is being delivered as agreed, and that the Pooled Fund is being spent in accordance with the terms and conditions set out within the Section 75 Agreement.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 Discussions have taken place with members of the Integrated Commissioning Executive.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 The delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan is linked to the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and therefore the corporate priority 'improve health and wellbeing'. The Plan aims to develop the health and care system to prevent, reduce and delay the need for health and care services.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Roger Harris**
Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health

The terms of the Better Care Fund are set out within the section 75 agreement. The Council is the host organisation for the Fund and provides regular reports through the Integrated Commissioning Executive. Reporting of meeting minutes to the Health and Wellbeing Board will provide a greater degree of transparency and oversight.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Roger Harris**
Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health

The governance arrangements for the Better Care Fund are set out within the Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement (section 19). This includes the establishment of the Integrated Commissioning Executive to meet the roles and obligations set out in schedule 2 of the Agreement.

The Section 75 Agreement sets out that the Integrated Commissioning Executive will prepare an annual governance statement, which will be included to the Health and Wellbeing Board, on an annual basis. Reporting of meeting minutes to the Health and Wellbeing Board will further strengthen the established governance arrangements and increase the level of transparency concerning how the Fund operates and how the Plan is being delivered.

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Roger Harris**
Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health

No diversity and equality implications have been identified in relation to this report, although reporting of meeting minutes from the Integrated Commissioning Executive to the Health and Wellbeing Board will allow further scrutiny of decisions and enable the Board to challenge any decisions – including any challenges related to diversity and equality.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement 2015-16

9. **Appendices to the report**

- Integrated Commissioning Executive – January 2016 Meeting Minutes
- Integrated Commissioning Executive Terms of Reference

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