
Meeting Health and Well-Being Board

Date 26 July 2012

Subject Minutes of Financial Planning Subgroup

Report of Director of Adult Social Care and Health

Summary of item This report is a standing item which presents the minutes of the Financial Planning Subgroup and updates the Board on the joint planning of health and social care funding in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and the NHS Quality Improvement and Productivity Plan (QIPP).

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Reason for Report To note the minutes of the Financial Planning Group.

Partnership flexibility being exercised The report encompasses partnership flexibilities such as those under Sections 75 and 256 of the NHS Act 2006.

Wards Affected All

Appendices Appendix One – Minutes of the Financial Planning Group – 2nd July 2012

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1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note the minutes of the Financial Planning Group of 2 of July 2012 as set out in appendix 1.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS AND WHERE HELD

- 2.1 Cabinet, 14 February 2011– agreed partnership working for health in Barnet that proposed to delegate responsibility for the social care allocation through the NHS to the shadow HWBB via a section 256 agreement.
- 2.2 Cabinet Resources Committee, 2 March 2011 – approved criteria for the allocation of funds within the section 256 agreement and agreed high level spending areas to be overseen by the HWBB
- 2.3 Health and Well Being Board, 26th May 2011 – item 5 approved the establishment of the Financial Planning Group as a subgroup of the HWBB.

3. LINK AND IMPLICATIONS FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP-WIDE GOALS (SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY; HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY STRATEGY; COMMISSIONING STRATEGIES)

- 3.1 The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) of the Council and the NHS Quality Innovation, Productivity and Prevention Plan (QIPP) for Barnet are aligned to the achievement of the Sustainable Community Strategy objective of ‘Healthy and Independent Living.’, and will be aligned to the Health and Well-Being Strategy that is in development. Underpinning the achievement of these strategies is the requirement to shift resources to the community with statutory services working alongside people to take greater responsibility for their own and their families’ health.

4 NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The MTFS and QIPP have both been subject to equality impact assessments considered by Cabinet and NHS Barnet Board respectively.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 There is a risk that without aligned financial strategies across health and social care of financial and service improvements not being realised or costs being shunted across the health and social care boundary. The financial planning group has identified this as a key priority risk to mitigate through work to align timescales and leadership of improvement plans which affect both health and social care through the HWBB.

6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Section 256 of the National Health Service Act 2006 enables Primary Care Trusts to make payments to social services authorities towards expenditure incurred or to be incurred by local authorities in connection with social services functions or any local authority function that affects the health of people in the area.

7. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS- FINANCE, STAFFING, IT ETC

- 7.1 All of the section 256 and enablement schemes have been reviewed and the Council as part of the financial year end earmarked reserves will be established to cover the costs of the section 256 programmes which have a clear programme of work or an agreed

business case. The final outturn position was reported at the July meeting of the Health and Well-Being Financial Planning Group and the establishment of an earmarked reserve within the Council for health and social care integration of £2.474m to fund the section 256 and enablement schemes during 2012/13.

8. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH USERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 8.1 None specifically arising from the last Health and Well-Being Board, other than to note that the deployment of the earmarked reserves and the development of commissioning priorities will take account of the feedback from the public consultation on the Barnet Health and Well-being Strategy which ends on the 20th July 2012.

9 DETAILS

- 9.1 The Barnet Health and Well-Being Board on the 26th May 2011 agreed to establish a Financial Planning Group to co-ordinate financial planning and resource deployment across health and social care in Barnet. The financial planning group meets bi-monthly and is required to report back to the Health and Well-Being Board.
- 9.2 Minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 2nd of July 2012 are attached at Appendix 1.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None

Legal – HP

CFO – MC