



THE INTEGRATED CARE FUND FOR SCOTTISH BORDERS FOR 2015/16

Aim

The aim is to update the Shadow Board on the allocation of £2.13m Integrated Care Fund for Scottish Borders for the financial year 2015/16.

Background

Attached is the letter from the Scottish Government announcing the allocation of an Integrated Care Fund to support partnerships in the delivery of improved outcomes through health and social care integration. Also attached is the guidance on how the fund should be used.

Summary

It is recognised nationally, and evidenced locally, that the Reshaping Care for Older People fund has worked well in encouraging the NHS, the Local Authority, the third and independent sectors to work together to begin to redesign services for the future with a focus on older people.

We are now being set a more ambitious challenge; to be innovative, taking preventative approaches with the express intent to reduce inequalities across all adult services. This fund is allocated to partnerships to help facilitate and drive forward the changes required, tackling collectively the challenge associated with multiple and chronic conditions for all adults.

The Integrated Joint Boards, through the Chief Officers, are being asked to take responsibility to work with partners on the development on an Integrated Change Plans. These plans should outline the how the resource will be used to redesign activities and services across the partnership organisations to achieve the outcomes for adult health and social care.

As well as instigating change in its own right, it must be recognised that this plan must help the partnership pave the way to longer term change that will be articulated through the Strategic Plan.

For Scottish Borders that allocation is £2.13 million and the plan must be submitted by the 12 December 2014.

The following principles are being suggested to the Shadow Board as a means of developing the plan:-

- The good governance and practice demonstrated through the work of the reshaping care board in the Scottish Borders will be used as the blue print for how we will take forward arrangements to plan and implement the Integrated Care Fund.
- The existing Reshaping Care Board will be asked to complete its work and present a final report to the next meeting of the Shadow Partnership
- A paper outlining suggested arrangements for the Integrated Care Board will be brought to the next Shadow Partnership Board.
- Given the challenges of the timescale, the Chief officer will work with colleagues across the partners agencies now to ensure we will be in a position to have the plan in place and on time but, importantly, we will be ready to start from the 1st April 2015.

Recommendation

The Integration Shadow Board is asked to **agree** the report.

Policy/Strategy Implications	The fund links with, and supports, the development of the Strategic Plan for the Integration of Social Care & Health.
Consultation	The approach is collaborative across partner agencies.
Risk Assessment	Associated risks and mitigating actions will be developed as part of the development of the submission.
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	The submission should assist in identifying and addressing equality and diversity issues. An impact assessment will be undertaken on the plan, prior to it's submission.
Resource/Staffing Implications	N/A

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