



UPDATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANAGING THE INTEGRATED CARE FUND (ICF)

Aim

- 1.1 The aim of this report is to provide the Integration Joint Board (IJB) with an update on the partnership's Integrated Care Fund (ICF) Programme and proposed updated arrangements for the management of the fund.

Background

- 2.1 The ICF is a 3 year government funding initiative designed to support change and transformation in Health and Social Care Services in line with integration legislation and the local strategic plan. A key focus is to improve outcomes for people using services and their carers.

To date the ICF has funded individual projects and has had a detailed approval process. All projects, therefore, have been subject to ratification and approval by numerous groups resulting in some substantial delays in progressing projects and a large amount of time being required from staff to complete and process paperwork. In addition it has been difficult to determine what the impact will be across the system. This paper, therefore, sets out a more streamlined process for the remaining budget.

- 2.2 A list of current approved projects is set out below:

1. Community Capacity Building
2. Independent Sector representation
3. Transport Hub
4. Mental Health Integration
5. My Home Life
6. Delivery of the Autism Strategy
7. BAES Relocation
8. Delivery of the ARBD pathway
9. Health Improvement (phase 1) and extension
10. Stress & Distress Training
11. Transitions
12. Delivery of the Localities Plan
13. Community Led Support
14. The Matching Unit
15. Programme Delivery Team
16. Rapid Assessment & Discharge Team
17. Transitional Care Facility
18. Pharmacy Input

These projects are at various stages of implementation and will continue to be reviewed to ensure they are progressing in line with strategic priorities and evaluated to measure the impact each project has on the care pathway. The projects produce monthly reports detailing their progress against their set milestones, outcome targets and budget. They are also required to complete an annual evaluation showing progress against outputs, outcomes and benefits as well as a full final project evaluation with a key focus being on sustainability. A progress summary rating of projects as red, green and amber in relation to outcomes, milestones and financial progress for overall project status can be seen in **Appendix One**. Future reports on evaluations will be reported to the IJB via quarterly performance reports.

- 2.3 Work has been undertaken to streamline the governance process for the remaining ICF budget which will be used to support a number of Partnership priorities including improving care pathways and delivering efficiencies. The proposed, streamlined governance process can be seen in **Appendix Two**.
- 2.4 It is proposed that small scale tests of change/and/or service redesign initiatives will be identified by the Executive Management Team (EMT) supported by a brief proposal which details how these initiatives will address gaps or deliver improvements required. A draft pro-forma has been developed for presentation and consideration of future proposals and can be seen in **Appendix Three**. It is proposed that responsibility for defining, commissioning and delivering tests of change and service redesign will rest with EMT. This will allow rapid change and maximise flexible, agile working. Quarterly progress and performance reports will be provided to the IJB in line with key priority areas and targets recently identified by the Ministerial Strategy Group and as summarised in the Health & Social Care Delivery Plan. Key to these will be streamlining care pathways and delivering strategic service change as well as achieving efficiencies.
- 2.5 It is important that all key stakeholders are kept updated and involved. A review of the role and membership of the SPG is currently underway to ensure maximum effectiveness of the group in its advisory capacity to the IJB.
- 2.6 In addition to individual ICF project evaluations the overall impact of all projects on the care pathway and the delivery of strategic objectives will be presented in an overarching impact report at the end of the lifespan of the fund. Qualitative feedback from service users will form an integral part of evaluation and the overarching impact report and will be used to improve the delivery of health and social care services in line with the outcomes, aims and objectives of the strategic plan.

Recommendation

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board are asked to **ratify** the above proposals.

Policy/Strategy Implications	The programme is being developed in order to enable transformation to new models of care and achieve the partnership's objectives expressed within its Strategic Plan and national health and wellbeing outcomes
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Consultation	The recommendations to the IJB have been made following consultation with a wide range of stakeholder representatives through the Executive Management Team and other key stakeholders.
Risk Assessment	There are no risk implications associated with the proposals
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	There are no equality implications associated with the proposals
Resource/Staffing Implications	The proposals approved within the programme to date will be funded from the ICF grant allocation over its life

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