



## **INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – RING FENCED RESOURCES - UPDATE ON SOCIAL CARE FUND, INTEGRATED CARE FUND AND CHANGE FUND**

### **Aim**

- 1.1 The aim of this report is to provide an update to the IJB on the Social Care Fund, Integrated Care Fund and Change Fund resources.

### **Background**

- 2.1 The IJB has a number of new members and in addition a recently appointed Chief Officer and interim Chief Finance Officer. This report has been provided to support the new appointments with background knowledge on the ring fenced resources which are in addition to those provided for the delegated functions and the set aside budgets.
- 2.2 The report provides a status update on the following resources
  - Social Care Fund
  - Integrated Care Fund and,
  - Change Fund
- 2.3 The ring fenced resources support the achievement of the agreed outcomes of the Strategic Commissioning Plan.
- 2.4 As detailed in the Board's Scheme of Integration the IJB is supported by Scottish Borders Council to hold the balance of these resources in a designated reserve for use across financial years.

### **Current Status**

#### **Social Care Fund**

- 3.1 Resources designated as the Social Care Fund are allocated by Scottish Government as part of the NHS annual allocation, the funding is ring fenced for use by the IJB to support financial pressures in Social Care and create additional capacity within Health and Social Care Partnerships to support the IJB's Strategic Planning outcomes.
- 3.2 Approval for the use of the Social Care Fund resources is recommended to the IJB by the EMT based on information presented by partner organisations.
- 3.3 Appendix 1 details the Social Care Fund allocations which have been made available to the IJB in 2016/17 and 2017/18 and the commitments approved by the

IJB. The appendix also reports the anticipated spend levels from this allocation in 2018/19.

- 3.4 Financial commitments from the Social Care Fund made in 2017/18 previously included anticipated costs to provide the single living wage for all night support sleep-in staff, this at a estimated cost of £750k. The implementation of this pay rate change has been delayed to 2018/19 thus freeing up the resource for use during 2017/18.
- 3.5 The IJB Financial Monitoring Report for August 2017 detailed the external review which has been concluded on the Borders Ability Store service. A number of actions have been agreed in response to the review findings and are currently being implemented. In year pressures on the equipment budget of the store have been noted by the EMT and it is recommended to direct £0.285m of Social Care Fund monies on a non recurring basis to support the equipment budget pressures in year pending a full and evidenced case of the budget position for this service.
- 3.6 The EMT on 13th October 2017 discussed the NHS operational pressures and Financial Recovery Plan for 2017/18 and noted the information provided on the continued use of surge bed capacity, this use as a consequence of the ongoing level of delayed discharges which remain within the health system. The in year costs associated with the use of surge beds during 2017/18 was highlighted at £1m. NHS Borders requested consideration of financial support from the IJB in this area of overspend. The EMT discussed the request and recommended the allocation of £1m from Social Care Fund with the IJB Chief Finance Officer being furnished with the detailed cost analysis of surge bed use. Going forward the EMT discussed a number of measures being planned which will support the management of delayed discharge across both the health and social care patient pathways. Information on these measures will continue to be presented to the EMT and will be brought forward to IJB as required.
- 3.7 At the date of this report and anticipating approval by the IJB of the EMT recommendations for a non recurring allocation of £0.285m to the Borders Ability Store and a non recurring £1m to the NHS for the use of surge bed capacity, a total of £0.127m remains uncommitted for 2017/18 (£0.662m full year) of Social Care Fund monies.

### Integrated Care Fund

- 3.8 Resources designated as the Integrated Care Fund are allocated by Scottish Government as part of the NHS annual allocation, the funding is ring fenced for use by the IJB to pump prime initiatives and specific projects which will enable health and social care services to be redesigned to support a shift in the 'balance of care' for the Board's commissioned services. The ICF allocation is received on a non recurring basis and therefore permanent financial commitments cannot be made against this allocation.
- 3.9 Approval for the use of Integrated Care Fund resources is recommended by the EMT to the IJB based on information presented to EMT by partner organisations and from the work of the Strategic Planning Group who support and direct services to deliver the required outcomes as agreed by the IJB.

- 3.10 Appendix 2 details the Integrated Care Fund allocations which have been made available to the IJB in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 and the commitments approved by the IJB to date.
- 3.11 The Chief Officer and the H&SCI Senior Operational Management Team have agreed to review the individual projects currently receiving funding from the ICF to ensure delivery of outcomes as projected is being evidenced and that maximum benefit to the partnership agreed outcomes is being delivered from the use of the resources. All findings from the review will be reported to the IJB in due course.
- 3.12 An update was provided to the recent EMT meeting on the outlines of likely projects which will require ICF funding in 2017/18, these including winter planning capacity and Discharge to Assess facilities. Further information and funding recommendations for these projects will be made to IJB in due course.
- 3.13 At the date of this report a total of £2.188m remains as uncommitted ICF resources.

### Change Fund

- 3.14 Resources designated as the Change Fund were allocated by Scottish Government as part of the NHS annual allocation, the funding was ring fenced for use by the Health & Social Care Partnership predating the IJB. The Change Fund provided resource to reshape services for older people shifting care towards anticipatory care and prevention. The Change Fund was received on a non recurring basis and therefore permanent financial commitment was not made against the allocations.
- 3.15 Approval for the use of Change Fund was given via a formal 'application for funding' process to the Health and Social Care Partnership Governance Groups. Projects provided midyear and end of year evaluation reports to evidence the delivery of agreed outcomes.
- 3.16 As at 31st March 2017 a balance of £0.557m remains on Change Fund resources. Confirmation of any further commitments against this fund is now being sought. The uncommitted balance of the Change Fund is held within an SBC designated reserve fund.

### **Recommendation**

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **note** this report and the status of resources on the Social Care Fund, the Integrated Care Fund and the Change Fund.

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **approve** the recommendation by EMT to direct £1m of Social Care Fund resources on a non recurring basis for 2017/18 to NHS Borders to cover the costs of surge bed capacity used across the health system linked to the level of delayed discharges.

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **approve** the recommendation by EMT to direct £0.285m of Social Care Fund resources on a non recurring basis for 2017/18 to the Borders Ability Store - equipment budget.

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	Supports the delivery of the Strategic Plan and is in compliance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and any consequential Regulations, Orders, Directions and Guidance.
<b>Consultation</b>	The report has been reviewed by the Chief Officer and NHS Borders' Director of Finance and Scottish Borders Council's Chief Financial Officer for factual accuracy. Both partner organisations' Finance functions have contributed to its development and will work closely with IJB officers in delivering its outcomes.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	To be reviewed in line with agreed risk management strategy. The key risks outlined in the report form part of the draft financial risk register for the partnership.
<b>Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	There are no equalities impacts arising from the report.
<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	No resourcing implications beyond the financial resources identified within the report.

**Approved by**

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