

## **INTEGRATED CARE FUND – PROGRESS REPORT**

### **Aim**

The purpose of this report is to update the members of the Integration Joint Board on the progress of allocating funds from the Integrated Care Fund.

### **Background**

Earlier this year the Scottish Government announced an Integrated Care Fund (ICF) to support the integrated working of health and social care. £2.13m has been allocated to the Borders Partnership for 2015/16. A subsequent announcement extended the funding for a further two years gives the Partnership an expected total of £6.39m up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

Locally there has emerged four key areas of priority investment in the ICF. Those areas identified below for priority investment, also meet with the contents of the Partnerships' Strategic Plan and the National ICF guidance published by the Scottish Government

- **Health Improvement**
- **Community Capacity Building**
- **Access to services**
- **Early Intervention and Prevention**

Significantly the above priorities for investment are those themed areas that the Partnership wishes to encourage and/or commission projects from. To date through the detailed assessment and governance arrangements there have been seven approved projects.

The tiered governance arrangements have enabled the Integrated Care Fund Steering Group to advise of recommendations to the Strategic Planning Project Board. They in turn have authority to approve projects up to the value of £75k from an annual allocation of £500k. Anything exceeding these limits automatically passes to the Executive Management team for its endorsement.

The seven approved projects to date include:

- **Transport Hub** (producing a coordinated sustainable approach to community transport)
- **Transitions** (the delivery of a range of services for learning disabled young people moving from children services to adult health and care services)
- **Stress and Distress Training** (to uphold and maintain the care, treatment and outcomes for people with dementia, their families and carers)
- **Mental Health Integration** (to assist with the implementation of an integrated mental health service)
- **My Home Life** (to improve the quality of life for those living in care homes)
- **Health Improvement Self-Management** (to conclude initial programmes of the self-management of Long Term Conditions)
- **Community Capacity Building** (in conjunction with older people to provide a range of activities and services reducing the demand for health and social care services)

**The total approved expenditure for all the above seven projects to date amounts to £464,814k**

As part of the project evaluation process each project is required to submit a detailed project brief ensuring there is not only a strategic fit but sufficiently robust arrangements are applied to determine clear outcomes and future sustainability. Integral to this process is that projects are scored against a range of criteria including financial criteria.

**Present position**

Work continues to develop further projects which meet the agreed ICF criteria and are part of the remit of the four key areas of investment that have been identified in line with the Strategic Plan.

Those ten projects currently under consideration include:

- Access to Information across the Third and Statutory sectors
- Health Improvement, Self-management and Long Term Conditions
- Community Infrastructure Support
- Health and Social Care Co-ordination – incorporating a locality and re-ablement approach
- Care Monitoring 2000 – data analysis through the application of predictive analytics
- Co-ordinator for Autism
- Alcohol Related Brain Disorder Co-ordinator
- Safe use of medicines through Pharmaceutical Care in Secondary Care and at the Interface
- Continuation of Osteoporosis and Bone Health Service
- Eildon Community Ward

In some circumstances it is proving challenging to assess and comprehensively evaluate projects and particularly as they relate to each other. To improve this process we are inviting all of the Project Leads for the above ten projects to a workshop later this month to examine more clearly how projects can potentially link with each other, looking at the detail of the outcomes to be delivered, localities served and the nature and consistency of the individual project support arrangements to be deployed

Out of the ten projects presently under consideration there are two initiatives that are worth highlighting, having been agreed in principle as pieces of work to take forward, develop further and submit more detailed briefs. It is anticipated that they be ready for full consideration and subsequent approval in November.

They are:

- **Health and Social Care Co-ordination – incorporating a locality and re-ablement approach - see Appendix 2, and**
- **Eildon Community Ward – see Appendix 3**

**Summary**

As outlined above substantial progress has been made in the allocation of the Integrated

Care Fund. With the governance and assessment arrangements now in place and direction from the Strategic Plan (draft) there is a very robust process for the evaluation and approval of applications to ensure any potential concerns are addressed and criteria met.

There are two very considerable projects currently being progressed and the Board is asked to await news of their further development over the next few months.

### Recommendation

The Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **note** this report and in so doing **support** the work undertaken to date.

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	The contents of this report are consistent with 'Strategic Plan (draft) Version 3, 2016 – 2019', NHS Borders Clinical Services Review, and 'Guidance for Local Partnerships – ICF' Scottish Government. 2015.
<b>Consultation</b>	
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	There are no new risks identified in this report.
<b>Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	The use of the funding as approved is expected to promote diversity and inclusion.
<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	No new resource/staffing implications have been identified other than those outlined in Appendix 1.

### Approved by

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