

**Leicestershire
County Council****HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 1 MARCH 2017****BETTER CARE FUND REFRESH****DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Health and Care Integration which provided an overview of progress to refresh and submit the Leicestershire Better Care Fund Plan for 2017/18 – 2018/19. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 12', is filed with these minutes.

In presenting the report the Director of Health and Care Integration raised the following points:

- (i) The National Guidance for the Better Care Fund was still outstanding. Along with this Guidance it was expected that figures would be provided for the amount each Local Authority would receive as part of the Disabled Facilities Grant. As these figures had not been provided yet the funding total provided in the report was only indicative.
- (ii) The Better Care Fund comprised funds from the core budget of both local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) The following services would have changes to their funding arrangements during 2017/18:-
 - Two hospital and community based dementia services provided by the voluntary sector were being recommissioned on a Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland wide basis. The BCF funds associated with these services would be applied to the new arrangements,
 - The part of the Lightbulb housing service which was designed to improve the timing of hospital discharge was funded by the Better Care Fund. This service was highly effective and would continue to be funded by the BCF in 2017/18. The funding position would be reviewed for 2018/19 to determine if it would continue to be funded from the BCF or from the Lightbulb service, which would be fully established by this time.
 - Clinical Commissioning Groups did not intend the Carers Health and Wellbeing Service to be recommissioned beyond April 2017 as the National Carers Strategy would be implemented at that time.
- (ii) Members raised concerns regarding technical problems with the First Contact web based referral form and reassurance was given that consideration would be given to how to resolve these problems.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

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