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1. Executive Summary

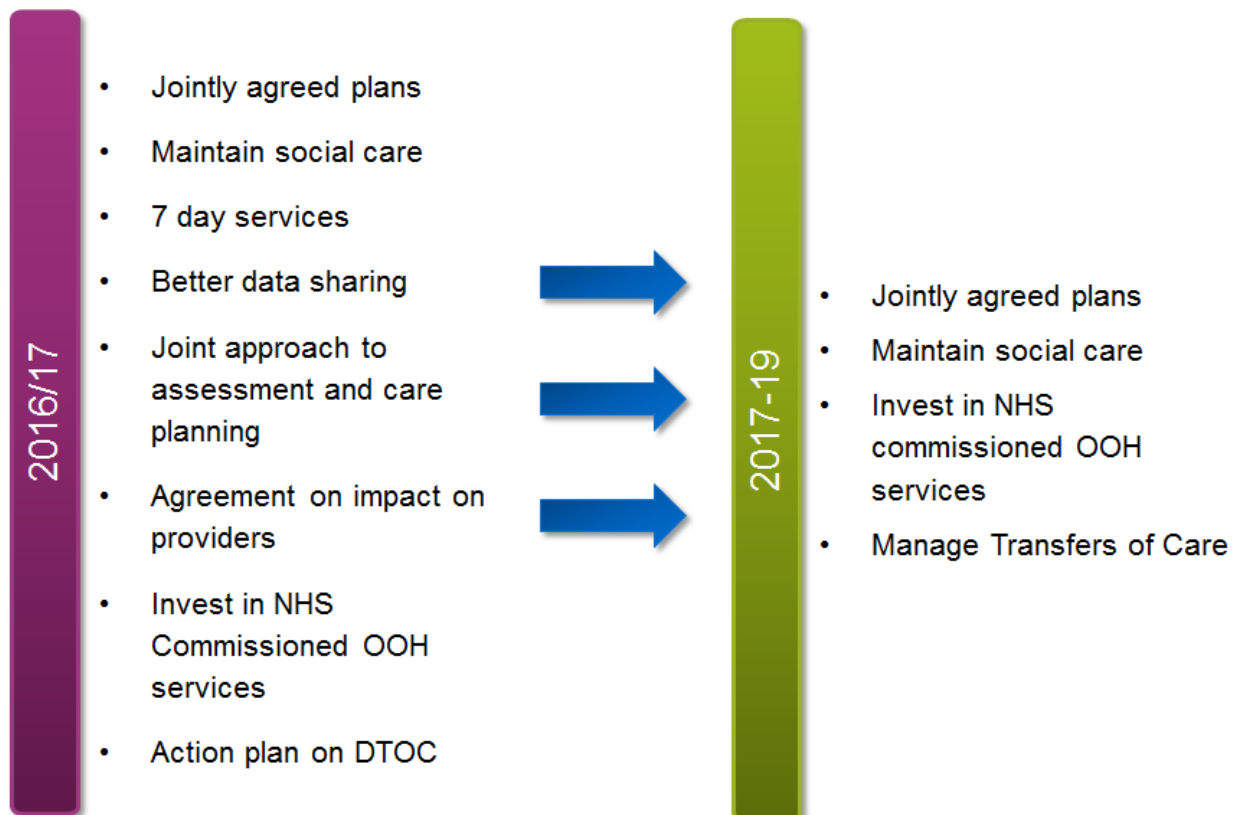
1.1 This report provides an update on the development of the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2017-19. Delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan is an important mechanism by which the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) fulfils its statutory duty to promote integrated ways of working and deliver a sustainable health and care system that is fit for the future.

Development of BCF Plan 2017-19

1.2 The national planning guidance was released on 5 July. A comprehensive analysis of this guidance is underway.

1.3 National coverage indicates that access to a significant proportion of the funding available will be linked to local performance in managing hospital admissions. The implications of this for Westminster are not yet clear but national comparative data published alongside the BCF planning guidance indicates that local performance is good and amongst the highest performing nationally.

- 1.4 The BCF planning submission date has been set at **11 September**. This is prior to the next planned meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board which is currently scheduled for 14 September.
- 1.5 Ahead of this a supplementary return setting out proposed targets for reducing delayed transfer of care and for utilising Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) resources is required to be submitted to the National Better Care Fund Panel by **21 July 2017**.
- 1.6 Intensive work will now begin to develop the Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19 and an update will be provided to the meeting on 12 July. There will also be an opportunity at the meeting to consider key priorities and the way forward.
- 1.7 Key national priorities for the Better Care Fund Plan remain as set out below and as previously indicated.



2. Key Matters for the Board

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to receive and consider at its meeting on 13 July an overview of the recently published BCF guidance, a presentation on key issues and priorities and a proposed action plan for completing the work required within the deadlines set.

3. Legal Implications

- 3.1 N/A

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 An overview of the financial implications will be presented at the meeting.

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