

Appendix B

BCF 2016-17 Feedback

The Panel received assurance that most KLOEs have now been met and that the CCGs' minimum contributions to social care have increased by 1.63% on 15/16 figures - thereby exceeding the nationally required 1.5% real terms increase.

The supplementary information included a revised 15/16 planning template to correct genuine errors in the ascriptions to social care, and a final 16/17 planning template. These have been shared with Better Care Support Team colleagues. The additional information was initially considered by a team of 4 assessors

The assessors reached a consensus view that the plan should be approved. There were no remaining unmet KLOEs. There were some remaining partially met KLOES which, when summarised between the assessors related to 3 main areas:

- Recognition that within the more narrow terms or reference of the BCF plan itself, an agreement has been reached to protect adult social care which meets the national requirement of a real terms increase of 1.5% on 15/16 (this is in fact 1.63% in Staffordshire) but there is still a fragile financial context to this arrangement and further pressures are anticipated in 17/18.
- 7 day services – an outline plan has been provided and detail offered in the scheme description for re-ablement services, but it would have provided more assurance to have a more detailed plan, with clear milestones.
- Although it can be deduced that the implications for local providers are understood (eg: from extensive provider engagement and statements that providers are in agreement with the BCF plans), the implications are not set out explicitly.

These remaining issues were not considered to be of a magnitude to prevent the plan being approved.