

BETTER CARE FUND

This document is designed to give the Voluntary & Community Sector information in relation to the Better Care Fund plans within Redcar & Cleveland.

NATIONAL PICTURE

The Better Care Fund is a national, locally-led policy initiative designed to accelerate the integration of health and social care. It requires local authorities and the local NHS to pool budgets and work closely together to improve the quality of care for their local population. For the public, it means better, more co-ordinated care and less time spent in acute settings; for the system, it means more efficient public services; and for those that work in the system, it means more time delivering care rather than negotiating organisational barriers.

Too many people end up in hospital who do not need to be there. Better Care is about getting the care people need, when they need it – not getting passed from pillar to post. It's about keeping people at home – or getting them home from hospital more quickly – with the dignity they deserve.

This is all the more important in the context of an ageing population, and a health and care system that is helping people with increasingly complex needs and multiple conditions. We need to move away from a 'sickness service', and towards a joined-up health and care service that helps people to manage all aspects of their own health and wellbeing while living independently in their communities for as long as possible. People deserve the right care, in the right place at the right time.

The Better Care Fund is one of the most concrete steps ever taken towards escalating the scale and pace of making this transformation happen everywhere. It requires NHS and local authorities in every single area to pool budgets for the first time, and to design services that offer responsive, holistic and person-centred care. The fund is a pooling of existing Local Authority and NHS money, rather than new money. It is designed to incentivise and help local areas to use existing funding more efficiently, while delivering better outcomes for the public.

REDCAR & CLEVELAND APPROACH

The Better Care Fund plans for Redcar & Cleveland have been designed with health and social care partners using a South Tees approach; this means that the plans in Redcar & Cleveland are complimentary to those proposed in Middlesbrough, with many of the proposed schemes being identical in each area. The plans have been agreed by the Health & Wellbeing Board and have received approval from NHS England.

The total value of the pooled budget in Redcar Cleveland is around £11.6M in 2015/16, although the majority of this money is already committed against existing schemes or is being held in reserve to fund acute activity at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust should the plans fail to reduce non elective admissions by more 3.5%. However, there is a working assumption that the plans will generate a minimum 3.5% reduction in non-elective activity and it is the money that would otherwise have paid for that activity that has been released to spend on new schemes. These schemes are summarised in the table overleaf.



Single Point of Access £0.304m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across South Tees for health and social care referrals. It will facilitate a streamlined process for access, assessment and care. It will ensure the most suitable response to need is provided e.g. intermediate care instead of hospital or care home admission.
Carers £0.303m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carer identification, information, advice and support. Support and advice for young carers transitioning to adulthood. Information and support in hospitals. Short breaks fund.
Support for Care Homes £0.603m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce admissions to A&F from care homes. GP clinics, protocols for urgent response and "in home" treatment. Dietetic and falls support and training. Flu jabs for staff – delivery of vaccinations in the workplace or via referral to own GP. Medication support. Better End of Life support. Mental Health assessment and support.
Rapid Response Team £0.111m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring together existing rapid response health and social care pathways and services to enable a more patient centred approach to those people requiring crisis intervention at home.
A&E Front of House Team £0.329m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP in Accident & Emergency to triage and deal with primary care type issues.
MDT in A&E £0.221m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therapists and Social Worker in A&E to assess and divert otherwise unnecessary admissions.
Time to Think beds £0.184m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 beds for South Tees to enable timely discharge of medically stable patients from JCUH to an alternative level of care. To provide recovery time prior to the commencement of reablement provision, provide opportunities for discharge to assess and also step up beds for GP's to refer to if an acute setting is not required but the patient cannot remain at home.
Residential rehabilitation and reablement in Redcar and Cleveland £0.517m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 beds. Redcar & Cleveland service. To coordinate short stay provision & provide an independence focussed approach. Continuity of care with current community reablement. Enables market development. Prevention of permanent residential care admissions. Opened in October 2014.
Review of Continuing Healthcare arrangements £0.008m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a multi-agency/stakeholder review of the NHS Continuing Health Care process in South Tees. It will cover application of NHS Continuing Health Care eligibility criteria, care planning, authorisation routes, care management and review. The aim is to streamline the process and implement an integrated approach to coordination.

An executive group made up of representatives Of the following organisations are leading the Development of the programme across South Tees:

- ❖ South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
- ❖ South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- ❖ Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- ❖ Middlesbrough Borough Council

To achieve our ambitions we will need to engage with a wider range of stakeholders including the voluntary and community sector and so as each of the major projects gets to the planning stage a working group will be established that will include all relevant Stakeholders including the Voluntary and Community sector.

If you would like any further information on the Better Care Fund,

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