

## WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

### Report by the Interim Chief Officer of Shadow Health & Social Care Partnership

Shadow Integration Joint Board: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014

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**Subject: National Integrated Care Fund**

#### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Shadow IJB on the Scottish Government's confirmation of a national Integrated Care Fund.

#### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Shadow IJB is recommended to note the report.

#### **3 Background**

- 3.1 As members will recall from the May 2014 CHCP Committee meeting, the Scottish Government announced that additional and non-recurrent resources of £100m would be made available to health and social care partnerships across in 2015-16 to support delivery of improved outcomes from health and social care integration, help drive the shift towards prevention and further strengthen the approach to tackling inequalities.
- 3.2 As was discussed at the May 2014 CHCP Committee meeting, this non-recurrent resource replaces the Reshaping Care of Older People Change Fund (which will continue as planned until April 2015).

#### **4 Main Issues**

- 4.1 The appended guidance from the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 confirms the allocated share of the Integrated Care Fund for the new West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership in 2015/16 as being £1.99 million.
- 4.2 The appended correspondence clarifies the parameters of use for the Integrated Care Fund, i.e. it will be accessible to local partnerships to support investment in integrated services for all adults. The funding will support partnerships to focus on prevention, early intervention and care and support for people with complex and multiple conditions, particularly in those areas where multi-morbidity is common in adults under 65 years, as well as in older people.
- 4.3 The attached paper provides background and guidance to local partnerships on how the Integrated Care Fund should be used. A template has been provided for the development of local plans (similar to that used for local Older People's Change Fund Plans).

**4.4** In order to commence full implementation from 1 April 2015, and therefore be able to utilise the full resource over that financial year, partnerships should aim to have local integrated care plans signed-off locally and then submitted to Scottish Government in December 2014.

**4.5** Work has already commenced to prepare a local integrated care plan for West Dunbartonshire that builds upon its local older people's change fund programme. The proposed local Integrated Care Plan will consequently be presented to the November 2014 meeting of the Shadow Integration Joint Board for approval.

## **5 People Implications**

**5.1** None associated with this report.

## **6 Financial Implications**

**6.1** The appended correspondence confirms the allocated share of the Integrated Care Fund for the new West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership in 2015/16 as being £1.99 million. This non-recurrent resource replaces the Reshaping Care of Older People Change Fund allocation (which will continue as planned until April 2015).

**6.2** The Scottish Government has confirmed that the availability of resources after 2016 will depend on the progress made and the outcome of the next Comprehensive Spending Review.

## **7 Risk Analysis**

**7.1** The Scottish Government has confirmed that while the Integrated Care Fund builds on the Older People's Change Fund programmes, it not simply be used to support existing initiatives previously funded through the Old People's Change Fund. At the same time, it has been accepted that there may be some applicable programmes and support that currently focus on older people, and are equally transferable to adults with multi-morbidity at a younger age.

**7.2** As members will recall from the May 2014 CHCP Committee meeting, the creation of this new national scheme at the expense of continuing the Older Peoples Change Fund will inevitably require disinvestment in a variety of areas of activity; and consequently present a challenge for all Health & Social Care Partnerships (to a greater or lesser extent) in terms of related national targets (most notably in relation to delayed discharge) and responding to the impact of demographic change. As was discussed at the May meeting of the CHCP Committee, careful planning is required – and underway locally – to ensure that the implementation of this new (and at this point, relatively short term scheme) does not destabilise the considerable local progress achieved in relation to the Older Peoples Change Fund programme.

## **8 Equalities Impact Assessment**

**8.1** No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

## **9 Consultation**

**9.1** Members will note that, in a similar fashion to the process for devising local Older Peoples Change Fund Plans, local integrated care plans should be agreed and signed off by representatives from the NHS, local authority, the third sector, and independent sectors.

## **10 Strategic Assessment**

**10.1** The issues considered here relate to the following strategic priorities of the Council:

- Improve care for and promote independence with older people.
- Improve the well-being of communities and protect the welfare of vulnerable people.



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**Appendices:** Integrated Care Fund - Guidance for Local Partnerships

**Background Papers:** CHCP Committee Report: Community Planning  
Partnership Older Peoples Change Fund Plan 2014-15  
(May 2014)

**Wards Affected:** All