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**Integrated Care Fund: Quarter 2 Summary and Arrangements for 2018-19**

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| **Summary of report and key issues**   1. West Wales has been allocated £1.3m Capital and £6.5m Revenue through the Welsh Government’s Integrated Care Fund (ICF) in 2017-18 2. The RPB approved Regional and Capital Investment Plans for the ICF in May 2017 and received a progress report for Quarter 1 in July. 3. A summary report for Quarter 2 is attached as Appendix 1. 4. ICF is expected to continue at current levels and with existing funding conditions until 2020-21. Additional Capital funding will also be available in future years. 5. This report proposes arrangements for developing and agreeing the 2018-19 ICF programme, addressing specific concerns raised by the RPB in May 2017.   **Recommendations:**  That the RPB:   1. Notes the summary report for Quarter 2 2. Agrees proposed arrangements for 2018-19 |

**Background**

1. The Integrated Care Fund (ICF) supports delivery of positive outcomes for people needing care and support and their carers and provides an opportunity for the development of new service models with a focus on integrated assessment and care planning; rapid response; reablement; independent living; preventing admission to secondary care and accelerating discharge; developing preventative approaches; and implementing accommodation-based solutions for people currently placed out of area. Funding is allocated to LHBs and for West Wales the current year’s allocation is £1.3m Capital and £6.5m Revenue. Top-slices have been applied nationally to support implementation of WCCIS and the Integrated Autism Service. Additional top-slices have been applied at regional level in West Wales to support delivery of the RPB’s strategic priorities and a number of pan-regional initiatives.
2. In May 2017 the RPB considered Regional investment Plans for both Revenue and Capital projects. These were approved in principle and subsequently finalised by statutory partners prior to submission to Welsh Government. Revenue plans do not require Welsh Government approval; however this is required for the Capital element of the Fund, which is paid via a Grant. All Capital schemes proposed in West Wales have now been approved.
3. Quarterly reports on delivery of funded schemes are required by Welsh Government, using a prescribed reporting template. The RPB considered and approved the Quarter 1 Report in July 2017. In view of the complex nature and detail of the Report, members requested summary versions for subsequent quarters.

**Quarter 2 Report**

1. The Quarter 2 Report was submitted to Welsh Government in October 2017. A summary version of the Report is attached as Appendix 1. This provides an overview of constituent programmes, information on spend against budget for each scheme and illustrative case studies against individual themes. Work is underway to develop a regional performance framework against which all projects will report from 2018-19, providing an improved analysis of the impact of individual schemes.
2. The full Quarter 2 Report is available from the Regional Collaboration Unit.

**Proposed Arrangements for 2017-18**

1. Welsh Government has advised that the ICF will continue for the remainder of the current Welsh Assembly term, i.e. until the end of the 2020-21 financial year, and that current funding priorities will be retained over the duration of the Fund.
2. In addition, an announcement is expected shortly regarding new Capital funding to support accommodation-based solutions. A regional approach and one which demonstrates collaboration between RPBs and strategic housing are likely to be among conditions for this new funding, which will total £75m across Wales over 4 years.
3. In order to support continuation of existing schemes where appropriate, and timely commencement of new projects, arrangements need to be in place to finalise next year’s programme by the end of March 2018, with sign-off by the RPB in April. Such arrangements need to address a number of issues raised by the RPB at its meeting in May 2017, namely:

* The need to ensure appropriate engagement with non-statutory partners in the development of the programme
* The need to consider moving successful programmes into core funding, thus releasing ICF resources to fund new initiatives
* The need to ensure funded projects reflect RPB priorities
* The need to align the ICF with other relevant programmes such as the NHS Cluster programme

1. To address the above, the following approach is suggested
2. Assume continuation of funding for the Region at 2017-18 levels and work from this as a baseline
3. In respect of Revenue funding:

* Maintain a regional top-slice to support delivery of RPB priorities and pan-regional initiatives
* Apportion remaining funds to the three local authority areas on a population basis
* Review bidding criteria to include the requirement to evidence:
* Appropriate engagement with non-statutory partners in the development of proposals
* Alignment of projects with RPB priorities, Area Plan commitments, the Hywel dda Transforming Clinical Services Programme and relevant initiatives receiving NHS Cluster funding
* Regional outcomes to which the project will contribute
* Sustainability plans and timed exit strategies for each project
* Establish a regional mechanism for consideration/ moderation of initial proposals developed and agreed at local level, and pan-regional proposals. This will involve checking that the above criteria have been met and grouping similar projects together to achieve regional consistency and avoid duplication

1. In respect of Capital funding:

* Establish a regional approach for initial exploration of the potential use of existing ICF Capital and the new Capital funding stream for large-scale pan-regional projects

1. Submit revenue and Capital programmes for sign-off by RPB in April 2018.