



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN277 – Better Care Fund (September 2014)

Now that NHS England has clarified that The Better Care Fund can be used to pay for additional services commissioned from general practice, is the WN CCG currently planning to use investment in general practice to develop integrated services for patients through the *Better Care Fund*?

West Norfolk CCG is continuing to work closely with Norfolk County Council to develop its plans relating to the implementation of the Better Care Fund from April 2015. Five key workstreams have been identified, as follows:

1. Further development of the model of Integrated Care Organisations, based around GP practices
2. Enhancement of reablement services to establish an integrated comprehensive “offer”
3. Integration of services to reduce hospital admissions and enable timely discharges
4. Supporting independence and wellbeing for people with frailty
5. Establishment of a dementia diagnosis and support model based around primary care.

Detailed proposals for the delivery of these workstreams are currently being developed, so it is not yet possible to comment as to whether there may be any additional investment in general practice. However it is important to note that the funding that underpins the Better Care Fund is all existing health service and social care funding, so there is no new money coming into the West Norfolk health and social care system to invest in additional services. Any new developments will need to be funded from efficiency savings created from improved integration and re-engineering of existing services.