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**THE BETTER CARE FUND**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise Members of the Better Care Fund report (BCF) which was presented to the Health and Well Being Board on 2 April 2014.

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2. The Health and Well Being Board, at its meeting held on 2 April 2014, considered the attached report (Appendix 1) and agreed to approve the submission of the BCF to the NHS Area Team and the Local Government representative in accordance with the required timescale.
3. The Bid outlines plans to develop community and home based support provision which will decrease the demand for acute hospital beds and the submission can be accessed at the following link  
<http://www.darlington.gov.uk/democracy/democraticinvolvement/politicalmanagement/Meeting.htm?id=1704>

**Recommendation**

4. It is recommended this Scrutiny Committee notes the content of this report and the submission of the BCF bid.

**Murray Rose**  
**Director of People**

**Background Papers**

Darlington BCF Submission and appendices  
NHS Area Team draft plan review

Duncan Clark : Extension 2013