

Health and Wellbeing Board 14th September, 2017

BETTER CARE FUND

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1. Summary

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the content of the 2017/19 Better Care Fund Draft. The draft was submitted on the 11th September, and consists of three documents:

- Better Care Fund Draft Narrative Plan
- Better Care Fund planning template
- Better Care Fund DTOC Metric Plan

As set out in the 2017-19 Integration and BCF planning requirements, assurers will check that plans meet all key lines of enquiry, including that they:

- Meet all four national conditions
- Have set out the required metrics including the delayed transfers of care (DToCs) trajectory
- Have agreed a spending plan for the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) grant
- Set out a vision and progress towards fuller integration of health and social care by 2020
- Have in place a robust approach to managing risk to plan delivery, including adequate financial risk management arrangements, proportionate to the level of risk in the system.

Plans will be approved, approved with conditions or not approved.

2. Recommendations

The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Consider and discuss the content of the draft BCF Plan 2017-2019 submitted following delegated authority from the Board in July

REPORT

3. Purpose of Report

To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the draft BCF plan for 2017/18 and 18/19 and to appraise the Health and Wellbeing Board of the submission timelines for the plan and the proposed sign off arrangements.

4. Background

As in previous years local health and social care systems are required to produce a yearly BCF plan signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board and agreed by NHS England.

The BCF is designed to be an enabler for integrated working across health and social care and requires the CCG and the Local Authority to pool resources to facilitate this. A number of national metrics are required to be measured and reported on.

5. BCF Planning for 17/18 & 18/19

The Policy Framework for BCF 17/18 and 18/19 was published March 17. This provided us with the policy context for the BCF going forward and high level requirements from the plan. The BCF Guidance that provides the detailed information, including minimum pooled funding requirements and metric targets was published in July.

Our approach has been to describe our integration journey and how the BCF is a key tool in getting to our destination. We have explained this in a much more concise manner to enable the plan to be an easy read that means something to all audiences.

The BCF draft that was submitted on the 11th September is appended to this document for review and discussion.

6. Engagement

There continues to be extensive engagement across all partners in the delivery of the BCF as set out in the Engagement section of the BCF narrative plan. The BCF Reference Group have agreed to meet less regularly but to focus on specific tasks- e.g. planning for 17/18.

Various parties have contributed to this initial draft including CCG and SC commissioners and providers via the BCF Reference Group.

7. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal (including Equalities, Finance, Rural Issues)

A specific Risk Log is included in the BCF narrative plan. The H&WB Joint Commissioning Board review the associated risk assurance framework at each meeting. Equalities issues are embedded throughout the plan. The plan also includes a section outlining the financial commitments supporting delivery. Rural issues are referenced throughout the plan.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

BCF planning guidance and background info:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/part-rel/transformation-fund/bcf-plan/>

Previous HWBB papers regarding BCF:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=217>

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Appendices

Appendix A – Better Care Fund Draft Narrative Plan

Appendix B – Better Care Fund planning template

Appendix C – Better Care Fund DTOC Metric Plan