

**Health and Wellbeing Board
16 November 2017**

JOINT COMMISSIONING REPORT - BETTER CARE FUND

Responsible Officer

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1. Summary

- 1.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) has been through the necessary assurance process with NHS England and has been agreed with conditions, letter attached as Appendix A.
- 1.2 As the letter indicates, we have been authorised to proceed with delivering the plan as approved with conditions which means we can continue to deliver the plan and agreed spend (section 75 agreement).
- 1.3 We returned the updated plan to the BCF assurance team on 2nd November (updated plan attached as Appendix B). We expect to hear a provisional agreement of the updated plan by the 10th November, with final approval from NHS England by the end of November.
- 1.4 We have not updated the BCF planning template that was agreed at the Health and Wellbeing Board in September.
- 1.5 Attached as Appendix C is the Performance Update on the four national measures. Currently we are performing well for all four target areas.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to:
 - 2.1.1 Note the updated BCF plan and provide comments;
 - 2.1.2 Note the performance metrics

REPORT

3. Purpose of Report

To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the BCF plan for 2017/18 and 18/19 and the BCF performance metrics.

4. Background

As in previous years, local health and social care systems are required to produce a yearly BCF plan approved off by the Health and Wellbeing Board and agreed by NHS England. For the first time, 17/18 and 18/19 the BCF plan is a two year plan.

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.

The BCF draft that was submitted on the 11th September and can be viewed in the HWBB papers (link below). As required by the BCF assurance process resubmission was made 2nd November, and we are awaiting final approval.

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 (Appendix B attached). The BCF Refence 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 – NHSE Assurance Letter

Appendix B – Better Care Fund updated narrative document

Appendix C – Better Care Fund Metric Update