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Title: Better Care Fund planning for 2019 -2020

Date of Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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Wards Affected: ALL

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### **Executive Summary**

This report has been prepared for the Health and Wellbeing Board to provide an update on progress towards 2019-20 Better Care Fund submission and to agree delegated authority to the Executive Director of Health & Adult Social Care to sign off the final submission on behalf of BHCC

At the last Board meeting in July 2019, the Board were informed that the planning guidance for the 2019 – 2020 Better Care Fund had just been received, several months into the financial year. As a result of the late guidance the BCF largely consisted of a rollover of the previous years priorities and projects, with minimal changes.

It was agreed that the Board would have an update paper that outlined any changes and the timeline that we have to work to meet the national reporting and review requirements. The Oct Performance and Information Group will look at the BCF submission, budget and performance in detail and a further report on the BCF 2019-20 will come to the November HWB

This report also includes the most up to date BCF performance dashboard



Appendix 2. to follow

### **Glossary of Terms**

BCF - Better Care Fund  
CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group  
DTC - Delayed Transfers of Care  
IBCF – Improved Better Care Fund  
NHS – National Health Service  
BHCC – Brighton & Hove City Council

## **1. Decisions, recommendations and any options**

1.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.

1.2 That the Board give delegated authority to the Executive Director of Health & Adult Social Care to sign off the final plan on behalf of BHCC.

## **2. Relevant information**

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) has been in place since 2015. The BCF is a mechanism for joint health and social care planning, service commissioning and delivery of activity to patients/service users. BCF has been created to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society, placing them at the centre of their care and support, and providing them integrated health and social care services, resulting in an improved experience and better quality of life.
- 2.2 Each year the planning guidance is issued from central government and the CCG and Council work together to produce a robust delivery plan which has to go through various stages. The slides (see appendix 1) outline the timeline and key stages that we will have to deliver to.
- 2.3 With the planning guidance there is also an indication of the funding that will support the plan in our area if it meets the requirements.
- 2.4 There are four national conditions that have to underpin our plan:
1. Plans to be jointly agreed
  2. NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to CCG Minimum Contribution
  3. Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include 7-day services and adult social care
  4. Managing Transfers of Care: A clear plan for improved integrated services at the interface between health and social care that reduces Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC), encompassing the High Impact

Change Model for Managing Transfers of Care. As part of this all Health and Wellbeing Boards adopt the centrally-set expectations for reducing or maintaining rates of DToC during 2019-20 into their BCF plans.

- 2.5 There is an expectation that the submission will include:
- a) New focus on link to the NHS Long Term Plan
  - b) Allocations have been agreed with a slight increase (5.3%) in funding allocation from NHS England
  - c) Additional funding in line with the guidance,
- 2.6 The BCF has been the lever for a number of shared CCG and Council achievements:
- Increasing volumes getting home from hospital through Discharge to Assess (Home First)
  - Improvements in overall Delayed Transfers of Care
  - Development of Carers Hub –a single point of access for carers services
  - Homelessness- GP services (primary and secondary care); engagement workers; care planning and education and training to frontline health staff.

These achievements, and the BCF overall, support the delivery of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy: in particularly Living Well and Aging Well. Given this we will not be seeking to make substantial changes to the submission.

- 2.7 The management of the BCF locally has three strands:
1. The BCF has a Section 75 pooled budget agreement in place and the 2019 – 2020 BCF plan (when approved) will be added to this agreement.
  2. Cross agency BCF delivery board that meets regularly to review performance and highlight any changes that need to be made.
  3. National reports on performance and spend come to HWB for information and approval.
- 2.8 It needs to be noted that there is no current information about BCF funding post 2020.

### **3. Important considerations and implications**

The CCG must report progress with the BCF programme to NHS England on a quarterly basis as part of a national assurance process. The BCF reporting cycle has been designed to align to the national reporting process, although the Health and Wellbeing Report contains more detailed local metrics and is refreshed on a bimonthly basis.

#### **3.1 Legal:**

The Governance arrangements in relation to the BCF S75 Partnership Agreement include oversight by the Health and Wellbeing Board through quarterly performance reporting, and this report forms part of that process.

The Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board includes reference to the Board's function to oversee and performance manage the planning as well as the practical and financial implementation of the BCF.

Lawyer consulted: Nicole Mouton

Date: 16/06/2019

### **3.2 Finance:**

The Better Care Fund is a section 75 pooled budget which totals £31.488m for 2019/20, including the £1.229m Winter Pressures Grant. The CCG contribution to the pooled budget is £19.500m (increased by £0.510m since 2018/19) and the Council contribution is £10.759m (increased by £1.571m since 2018/19) which includes the iBCF temporary funding. The final plan detailing the budgets for each workstream still needs to be confirmed through planning and Better Care Steering Groups.

Finance Officer consulted: Sophie Warburton

Date: 16/08/19

### **3.3 Equalities:**

This report provides an update to the Better Care Plan report which came to the Board in November 2018. As stated then Equality Impact Assessments will be developed in relation to individual commissioning processes carried out under the projects as they arise. An equalities impact assessment has not been completed on the running BCF programme within the last 12 months. **This has been added to the 2019/2020 BCF Steering Group work plan.**

Date: 16/08/19

### **3.4 Sustainability:**

All BCF funds come from recurrent funding resources and some projects within the Better Care Plan are expected to deliver sustainable savings.

## **Supporting documents and information**

### **4. Appendices**

**Appendix 1: Slide Pack**

**Appendix 2: Performance Dashboard (to follow)**