

REPORT TO THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

8 October 2019

2019/20 Better Care Fund Plan

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1.	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide the Board with an update on the contents of the Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 2019/20 along with a copy of the plan as submitted on 27 September 2019 for assurance.
2.	Recommendations
2.1	Health & Wellbeing Board members are asked to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the contents of the report along with the Integration and Better Care Fund planning submission template, ratify the draft plan and agree that any amendments to the plan as a result of the assurance process be agreed and signed off by the joint Chairs of the Board and Accountable Officer of Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group.
3.	Introduction/ Background
3.1	Department of Health and Department for Communities and Local Government published the '2019/20 Integration and Better Care Fund' Policy Framework in April 2019, followed by the detailed planning guidance and requirements in July 2019.
3.2	The Better Care Fund Policy Framework and planning requirements provide for continuity from the previous round of the BCF.
3.3	There continues to be four national conditions, these being: <ol style="list-style-type: none">That a BCF Plan, including at least the minimum mandated funding to the pooled fund specified in the BCF allocations and grant determinations, must be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), and by the constituent local authorities (LAs) and CCGs.A demonstration of how the area will maintain the level of spending on social care services from the CCG minimum contribution in line with the uplift to the CCG's minimum contribution.That a specific proportion of the area's allocation is invested in NHS-commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include seven day services and adult social care.A clear plan on managing transfers of care, including implementation of the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfers of Care (HICM). As part of this, all HWBs must adopt the centrally-set expectations for reducing or maintaining rates of delayed transfers of care (DToc) during 2019-20 into their BCF plans.

3.4	<p>There also continues to be four national metrics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-elective admissions (Specific acute); 2. Admissions to residential and nursing care homes; 3. Effectiveness of reablement; and 4. Delayed transfers of care (DToC). <p>All BCF plans must include ambitions for each metric and plans for achieving these are a condition of access to the Fund.</p>
3.5	<p>The main changes to the policy framework from 2017-2019 is that a separate narrative plan is not required and has been replaced with a single template that includes a short section covering the local approach to integration, plans to achieve the metrics and plans for managing transfers of care. The requirement to submit a separate plan for the Winter Pressures grant has been removed, as has the requirement for separate reporting on Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) schemes and initiatives.</p>
3.6	<p>BCF Plans will be assured and approved by NHS England via a joint NHS and Local Government assurance process. In addition to the national conditions and the condition to set level of ambition against the four national metrics, BCF plans must also demonstrate that all funding agreed as part of the BCF is included within a section 75 pooled fund.</p>
3.7	<p>The planning guidance required planning submissions to be made on 27 September 2019 and therefore in line with previous years the plan has been signed off for submission by the joint Chairs of the Board and the Accountable Officer of Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group, pending ratification by the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>
4.	2019/20 Better Care Fund Plan
4.1	<p>In line with the requirements of the policy framework and Better Care Fund Planning Requirements for 2019/20, the completed planning template was submitted for assurance on 27 September 2019.</p>
4.2	<p>The narrative included in the planning template is also included as an appendix for ease of reading. The narrative set out the approach to integration in Barnsley on 3 levels of delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person • Neighbourhood • System <p>It also includes details of the governance arrangements in place in Barnsley for the oversight and delivery of local plans for integration including the BCF.</p>
4.3	<p>The template (attached at Appendix 2) also includes details of income, expenditure plans (including confirmation of the CCG contribution to maintaining social care and delivering out of hospital care), status against the High Impact Change Model on Managing Transfers of Care and the targets against each of the four national metrics.</p>
4.4	<p>The assurance process commenced on 30 September 2019 with feedback expected by the end of October and final confirmation of approval week commencing 18 November 2019. Following formal approval and permission to spend the BCF, the revised section 75 funding pool is required to be finalised by 15 December 2019.</p>

5.	Link to the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and/or Barnsley Place Based Plan and Evidence of need / Link to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment																				
5.1	The 2019/20 Better Care Fund Plan is set within the wider context of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, building on the previous plans and contributing to delivery of the key priorities including those included within the Barnsley Integrated Place Based Plan, enabling us to move towards our overall vision for Health and Wellbeing. The plan therefore will contribute to addressing some of the key challenges identified in the JSNA, particularly ensuring support is in place to meet the health and care needs of older people and supporting people with long term health conditions.																				
6.	Financial Implications																				
6.1	The required level of funding for the BCF in Barnsley including the iBCF and Winter Pressures Grant to Social Care is included within the summary section and income section of the planning template. The expenditure section illustrates the level of expenditure against each type of income into the fund. This is summarised below:																				
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7.	Conclusion/ Next Steps																				
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