

REPORT TO THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

2020/21 Better Care Fund Plan Report

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Board with an update on the Better Care Fund Plan for 2020-21 along with a copy of the plan for approval.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Health & Wellbeing Board members are asked to:
- Note the contents of the report; and
 - Ratify the attached 2020/21 Better Care Fund planning template

3. Background

- 3.1 In March 2020, local areas were informed that publication of the Government's approach to the BCF in 2020-21 would be delayed allowing areas to better focus on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic but that minimal changes would be made for 2020-21. Advice was to prioritise business continuity and rollover plans / schemes where possible.
- 3.2 Given the ongoing pressures on systems, formal BCF plans will not have to be submitted for approval in 2020-21. However, local areas must ensure that use of the BCF funding has been agreed in writing and that the national conditions are met.
- 3.3 Local areas will be required to provide an end of year reconciliation to the Department and NHS England/ Improvement, confirming that the national conditions have been met, total spend from the mandatory funding sources and a breakdown of agreed spending on social care from the CCG minimum contribution.

4. 2020-21 BCF Policy Statement

- 4.1 The 2020-21 BCF policy statement was published by the Government on 3 December 2020. There continues to be four national conditions, these being:
1. Plans covering all mandatory funding contributions have been agreed by HWBs and minimum contributions are pooled in a section 75 agreement (an agreement made under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006).

2. The contribution to social care from the CCG via the BCF is agreed and meets or exceeds the minimum expectation.
 3. Spend on CCG commissioned out of hospital services (which may include 7-day services and adult social care) meets or exceeds the minimum ring-fenced amount.
 4. CCGs and local authorities confirm compliance with the above conditions to their Health & Wellbeing Boards (HWB).
- 4.2 Local areas should review the spending on social care funded by the CCG contribution to the BCF to ensure that the minimum expectations are met, in line with the national conditions. Also, spending on CCG commissioned out of hospital services (which can include social care) should meet or exceed the minimum ringfence amount as set out in the BCF allocations.

5. Barnsley's 2020-21 BCF Plan

- 5.1 A short planning template has been made available to be used for setting out BCF funded spend for 2020-21 and to show compliance with the national conditions. The completed 2020-21 BCF plan for Barnsley is attached (Annex 1) for approval. It details the income, expenditure schemes as well as confirms the CCG contribution to maintaining social care and delivering out of hospital care.
- 5.2 Local targets for the BCF national metrics are not required in the BCF plans for 2020-21, however local areas should continue to work as a system to make progress against them. It should be noted that national reporting of Delayed Transfers of Care was suspended from 19 March 2020.
- 5.3 The attached 2020-21 BCF plan represents a roll forward of previous year's spending plan and includes proposed additional spend commitments by the CCG and the Council of £1.054m compared to last year (this represents the 5.3% uplift in the CCG minimum contribution for 2020-21). Whilst a proportion of the uplift amount for 2020/21 (£486k) has been committed by the CCG to meet increases in contract values / costs, it is proposed that the balance relating to Adult Social Care (£568k) is committed against the following proposals:

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- 5.4 A business case will propose funding support from the BCF to commission an OP Health and Wellbeing Service aimed at creating an improved early intervention and prevention model across Barnsley. It will offer a holistic approach, bringing together a range of disjointed services, to support planning for independent living for older people, whose needs are complex but that do not meet social care thresholds for statutory support. It will address gaps in the provision of support for older people including: (1) those at significant risk of falling; and (2) those with a wider range of additional support needs that impact on their health and wellbeing.

- 5.5 Reablement is one of the main and most successful ways for Councils to maximise people's levels of independence. However, the current reablement offer is only for people being discharged from hospital. The commissioning intentions are to extend this offer to all community-based referrals, so that anyone who is considered likely to require long term support, first receives a period of short-term support and that this period of support is used to inform the assessment process and decisions around long term care. A full reablement offer would broadly need 2-3 times the current investment levels. It is proposed this level of upscaling is implemented over an agreed period, subject to the outcome of a small-scale feasibility pilot to test the assumptions of taking referrals from the community, leading to a business case.
- 5.6 Business cases will be developed for the above proposals to establish the feasibility as well as determine the investment requirement.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The level of Barnsley's BCF funding including the iBCF, Winter Pressures grant and Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) is shown in the income section of the planning template. Whilst, the expenditure section details the respective spend against each type of BCF income within the fund. This is summarised below:

Running Balances	Income	Expenditure	Balance
DFG	£3,377,046	£3,377,046	£0
Minimum CCG Contribution*	£20,736,192	£20,736,192*	£0
Improved BCF (IBCF)	£13,055,102	£13,055,102	£0
Additional LA Contribution	£0	£0	£0
Additional CCG Contribution	£0	£0	£0
Total	£37,168,340	£37,168,340	£0

* planned spend includes the additional investment of £1.054m as detailed in section 5 above

- 6.2 The table below also provides detail of the specific BCF spend / funding allocation on NHS commissioned out of hospital and adult social care from the CCG minimum contribution. The amount allocated to adult social care is in line with the required uplift for 2020-21 and complies with the national conditions.

Required Spend	Minimum Required Spend	Planned Spend
NHS Commissioned Out of Hospital spend from the minimum CCG allocation	£5,892,638	£9,072,048
Adult Social Care services spend from the minimum CCG allocations	£11,178,378	£11,178,378

- 6.3 Records of spending against schemes funded through the BCF are required to be maintained to meet year end reporting requirements (of actual income and expenditure for the year).

7. Conclusion/ Next Steps

- 7.1 The Board are asked to note the contents of this report and to approve the attached BCF plan, including the additional planned spend / commitment by the CCG and the Council investment in 2020-21.

8. Appendices / Background Papers

Annex 1 – Barnsley BCF Planning template 2020-21