

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD
20 July 2021**2021/22 Better Care Fund (BCF) Budget approval & 2020/21 BCF outturn**

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Priorities

Mental health & well-being

Being Active

Reducing harm from Alcohol

Other (specify below)

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Yes

Yes

No

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children

If yes please give details

No

Impact on Safeguarding Adults

If yes please give details

Yes

The Better Care Fund supports the safe and appropriate discharge of patients from the Acute and Community Hospitals.

Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Decision

Recommendation

The Health and Well-being Board is asked to approve the 2021/2022 Better Care Fund budget and the BCF 2020/21 annual return, which includes the year end outturn, in line with national requirements.

Background

1. In response to the COVID19 Pandemic Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) were advised that BCF policy and planning requirements would not be published and that they should prioritise continuity of provision, social care capacity and system resilience and spend from ringfenced BCF pots based on local agreement in 2021 to 2022, pending further guidance. Given the ongoing pressures on systems, Departments and NHS England and NHS Improvement have agreed that formal BCF plans will not have to be submitted to NHS England and NHS Improvement for approval in 2021 to 2022.

2. HWB's are required:
 - to ensure that use of the mandatory funding contributions (Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) minimum contribution, improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) grant and the Disabled Facilities Grant) has been agreed in writing, and that the national conditions are met; and
 - provide an end of year reconciliation to Departments 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.

3. The national conditions for the BCF in 2021/22 are that:
 - Plans covering all mandatory funding contributions have been agreed by the HWB and minimum contributions are pooled in a section 75 agreement (an agreement made under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006).
 - The contribution to social care from the CCG via the BCF is agreed and meets or exceeds the minimum expectation – which is derived by applying the percentage increase in the national CCG contribution to the BCF.
 - Spend on CCG commissioned out of hospital services meets or exceeds the minimum ringfence; and
 - CCGs and local authorities confirm compliance with the above conditions to their Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Funding Contributions – 2021/22

4. *CCG Minimum Contribution* - In line with national guidance, the 2021/22 Better Care Fund for Worcestershire demonstrated 5.30% growth on the CCG's Minimum Contribution (£2.1 million), giving a total value of the BCF of £66,341,458. Details of the BCF schemes and forecast year end outturn can be seen at **Appendix A**.

5. There has been no inflation applied to the *Improved Better Care Fund* (iBCF) which is allocated to local authorities for 2021/22 and remains at £18.5m. The Health and Well Being Board are asked to note that in line with national guidance issued in 2020/21 the Council has re-classified the Winter Pressures funding of £2.38m as part of the iBCF.

Funding Contributions	Year			
	20/21	21/22	Movement	%
	£	£	£	
CCG Minimum Contribution	39,613,250	41,712,756	2,099,506	5.30%
Disabled Facilities	6,163,577	6,163,577	-	0.00%
* iBCF	18,465,125	18,465,125	-	0.00%
BCF Total	64,241,952	66,341,458	2,099,506	

* Including £2.38m "Winter Pressures" allocation

6. *Disabled Facilities Grant* - This Grant has been passported to District Councils in accordance with the national allocated amounts as set out in the following table.

District Council	£
Bromsgrove	1,036,273
Malvern Hills	682,875
Redditch	952,377
Worcester	780,221
Wychavon	1,251,934
Wyre Forest	1,459,897
TOTAL	6,163,577

2020/21 BCF outturn

7. The 20/21 BCF outturn reported breakeven against the budget (£64,241,952), which has been reported in the Better Care fund annual report (Appendix 2)

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

8. The spending plans for the Better Care Fund must be agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board
9. The BCF is a ring-fenced grant. It has been agreed that any over- or underspend will be jointly attributable to Worcestershire CCGs and the Council.

Privacy Impact Assessment

10. As appropriate

Equality and Diversity Implications

11. An Equality Relevance Screening has been completed in respect of these recommendations. The screening did not identify any potential Equality considerations requiring further consideration during implementation.

Contact Points

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Background Papers

None relevant

APPENDIX 1

BETTER CARE FUND BUDGET 2021/22

Better Care Fund				
Scheme	Funding Split			Total BCF budget for 2021/22
	BCF	iBCF	DFG	
Revenue Schemes from CCG contributions (stay in CCG)				
General Rehab Beds	12,399,850	0	0	12,399,850
Intermediate Beds	1,792,767	0	0	1,792,767
Neighbourhood Teams	6,359,242	0	0	6,359,242
Onward Care Team	692,140	0	0	692,140
Worcestershire IP Unit- Pathway 2	4,032,602	0	0	4,032,602
Total CCG contributions staying in CCG ledger	25,276,601	0	0	25,276,601
Funding transfer from CCGs to Local Authority				
Pathway 1(UPI)	3,700,837	0	0	3,700,837
Contingency	310,193	0	0	310,193
Contribution to Pathway 1 Call Centre Admin Costs (WCC)	100,000	0	0	100,000
Rapid Response Social Work Team	370,800	1,263	0	372,063
Pathway 3 (SPOT DTA)	1,826,225	719,894	0	2,546,119
External placement contingency (Winter Pressures)	0	758,548	0	758,548
Worcestershire Step-down Unit	185,000	0	0	185,000
ASWC in Community Hospitals, Resource Centres and DtA Beds- Onward Care Team	286,275	0	0	286,275
Carers	1,158,022	101,978	0	1,260,000
Implementation of the Care Act - additional demand for Home Care	2,178,997	298,942	0	2,477,939
LD Complex Cases	803,500	0	0	803,500
ICES	706,000	0	0	706,000
Winter Pressures Contingency	0	504,000	0	504,000
Disabled Facilities Grant	0	0	6,163,577	6,163,577
Contribution towards Community reablement	242,000	0	0	242,000
GP attached Social Workers	310,400	0	0	310,400
Total Funding Transfer from CCGs to Local Authority	12,178,249	2,384,625	6,163,577	20,726,451
20/21 Recurrent Growth	2,158,403	0	0	2,158,403
21/22 Growth	2,099,502	0	0	2,099,502
Total Growth to be allocated	4,257,905	0	0	4,257,905
iBCF	0	16,080,500	0	16,080,500
TOTAL BCF	41,712,756	18,465,125	6,163,577	66,341,458

APPENDIX 2

BETTER CARE FUND 2020/21 ANNUAL REPORT (SEPARATE APPENDIX)