



## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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# **ITEM 08**

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## **Better Care Fund Update 2020/21**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with a summary of the proposed Better Care Fund (BCF) plan for Derby for 20/21. This report has been delayed as the Department for Health and Social Care only published the policy statement on the BCF in early December 2020 as a result of the ongoing pressures being managed by the health and care sector due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

### **Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 To agree with the proposed use of the Better Care Fund for the current financial year 2020/21.

### **Reason(s)**

- 3.1 Health & Wellbeing Boards are required to have oversight of the Integration and Better Care Fund in their localities to ensure that the required outcomes and performance that is expected is being delivered. They are also required to ensure that use of the mandatory funding (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.
- 3.2 Unlike previous years and as a result of the pandemic, there is no requirement to submit the BCF Plan to NHS England and NHS Improvement for approval, but that Health and Wellbeing Boards should ensure that a local plan is agreed.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 Earlier in the year, the Department of Health and Social Care advised that the BCF policy and planning requirements would not be published during the initial response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Local systems were advised to prioritise continuity of provision, social care capacity and system resilience and spend from ringfenced BCF pots based on local agreement in 2020 to 2021. Given the ongoing pressures on health and care systems, Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England & NHS Improvement have agreed that formal BCF plans will not be submitted for formal approval in 2020 to 2021.

- 4.2 A range of activity continues to be delivered as part of the BCF programme to support the required outcomes. The Board received an overview of this activity at its September 2020 meeting for the period 2019/20. For the current financial year, all spending plans have been “rolled over” and the desired performance outcomes have been maintained.
- 4.3 In previous years, local systems have been mandated to produce detailed BCF Plans. Due to systems needing to focus effort into dealing with COVID-19, NHS England are not currently asking systems to produce detailed BCF plans but to locally agree a summary template (provided nationally) between Councils and CCGs. The template has now been agreed and essentially is a summary of the funding components of the BCF – an extract is included at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.4 In line with the requirements, spending on activity remains ring fenced and all required contributions from the CCG have been maintained to address demands in community health and social care, allow continuity of care, and maintaining health and social care system resilience.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 Social Care and NHS providers who are recipients of funding via the BCF are aware how their interventions support the wider health and social care system. Although they are not involved in the detailed planning process, there are a variety of partnership and performance meetings whereby BCF funded initiatives are discussed and improvements agreed and developed. Several of these form part of the Joined Up Care Derbyshire planning meetings, primarily under the Place, Urgent Care and Mental Health work streams.

### **Other options**

- 6.1 The Integration and Better Care Fund is a mandatory national requirement and all areas normally need to submit a plan to NHSE/I should they wish to make use of the funding flexibilities between Councils and CCGs. Even though a formal submission is not required, there is full expectation that the BCF funding and spending arrangements continue as the integration agenda between health and social care remains a key priority despite the pressures of the Covid 19 pandemic.

### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 The funding for 2020/21 is subject to an existing pooled budget between Derby City Council and Derbyshire CCGs. Monitoring and reviewing performance against the plan will enable the Council and the CCG to benefit from the flexibilities of the funding to support pressures in the local health and social care agenda, and to further progress the integration agenda.

## Legal implications

- 8.1 The Council and the Derbyshire CCGs must enter into a section 75 agreement as part of the Planning expectations, under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006. The existing agreement is being updated to reflect the 20/21 BCF plan. As a direct grant to the Council, the use of the IBCF and Winter Pressures must be reported to DCLG via the Council's statutory s151 Officer (Strategic Director of Resources).

## Climate Implications

- 9.1 None

## Other significant implications

- 10.1 The Integration and Better Care Fund supports the Councils and the CCG's overall budget as an income stream to allow delivery of key care services to support the overall health and care system in Derby. The loss of this fund would present a significant financial risk to the achievements of key elements of the STP and key performance measures designed to serve patients and citizens well.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	n/a	
Finance		
Service Director(s)	Kirsty McMillan, Service Director – Integration & Direct Services	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021
Report sponsor		
Other(s)		

## Appendix 1

<b>BCF 2020-21 Income</b>	
<b>Local Authority Contribution</b>	
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	Gross Contribution
Derby	£2,323,304
<b>Total Minimum LA Contribution (exc iBCF)</b>	<b>£2,323,304</b>
<b>iBCF Contribution</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Derby	£11,690,858
<b>Total iBCF Contribution</b>	<b>£11,690,858</b>
Local Authority Additional Contribution	Contribution
<b>Total Additional Local Authority Contribution</b>	<b>£269,682</b>
<b>CCG Minimum Contribution</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG	£18,556,757
<b>Total Minimum CCG Contribution</b>	<b>£18,556,757</b>
<b>Total Addition CCG Contribution</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Total CCG Contribution</b>	<b>£18,556,757</b>
<b>Total BCF Pooled Budget</b>	<b>£32,840,601</b>

Scheme Name	Commissioner	Source of Funding	Expenditure (£)	New/ Existing Scheme
Community Nursing	CCG	Minimum CCG Contribution	£860,879	Existing
Integrated Teams (Community Support Teams)	CCG	Minimum CCG Contribution	£1,169,453	Existing
Evening Nursing Services	CCG	Minimum CCG Contribution	£370,657	Existing
Community Matrons	CCG	Minimum CCG Contribution	£641,835	Existing
Community Therapy	CCG	Minimum CCG Contribution	£283,336	Existing
Clinical Navigation Service	CCG	Minimum CCG Contribution	£448,930	Existing
DICES - additional	CCG	Additional LA Contribution	£269,682	Existing
Property Adaptions	LA	DFG	£2,323,304	Existing
Demographics (system pressures)	LA	iBCF	£4,825,747	Existing
Provider fee pressures - Living Wage, specialist fees, overnight costs	LA	iBCF	£3,544,942	Existing
reviewing team - new cases	LA	iBCF	£308,189	Existing
Transitions team	LA	iBCF	£179,777	Existing
Hospital social work team	LA	iBCF	£729,380	Existing
DOLS, best interest and mental capacity assessments	LA	iBCF	£300,484	Existing
Arboretum House	LA	iBCF	£653,770	Existing
DICES	CCG	Minimum CCG Contribution	£1,889,674	Existing
Social Care assessments and cost of care	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£5,632,653	Existing
Assessment & Support Planning Teams	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£1,389,244	Existing
Bed Based Respite - Perth House	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£1,250,320	Existing
Carers Support	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£701,425	Existing
Healthy Housing/Handy Person	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£455,490	Existing
Enablement & Intermediate Care - Home First	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£2,152,189	Existing
Local Area Coordinators	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£341,617	Existing
Mental Health Enablement Workers x 6	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£256,213	Existing
Out of Hours Emergency Care - Perth House/ Home First	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£170,809	Existing
Dementia Support	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£267,600	Existing
Social Care Commissioning	LA	Minimum CCG Contribution	£274,433	Existing
Home First Community Night Service	LA	iBCF	£196,633	Existing
Mental Capacity assessments	LA	iBCF	£24,556	Existing
Track & Triage.	LA	iBCF	£6,442	Existing
Mental Health Social Worker	LA	iBCF	£49,112	Existing
domiciliary care packages	LA	iBCF	£871,826	Existing

