

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

11 September 2019

Report of the Corporate Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care and Accountable Officer of Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

## **Better Care Fund Update**

### **Summary**

1. This report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the Better Care Fund (BCF) Planning Requirements 2019-20 and to provide the annual overview of the York BCF 2018-19.
2. Members are asked to note the timetable for the planning assurance process, and to delegate to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) the formal approval of the 2019-20 plan, prior to its submission to government on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### **Background**

3. The background information on the BCF has been previously reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB), with quarterly updates now the normal routine.
4. This report marks the formal review of the 2018-19 year, with an annual report set out in Annexe 1. It also provides an update on the planning timetable for 2019-20. Members will note that, as in previous years, the official guidance (BCF Planning Requirements 2019-20) was not published until June 2019, with the effect that the quarterly returns to NHS England have not been required for the first two quarters of the financial year.
5. The new plan is an opportunity for York to drive progress on the key strategic aims of promoting people's wellbeing and resilience in communities, tackling loneliness and isolation, preventing admissions to hospital and long term care and improving the timeliness of discharges from hospital.

6. In previous reports the HWBB has been informed of the capacity and demand exercise commissioned through BCF to support our approach to strategic planning of services. This exercise has been completed, providing vital insight into our system for urgent and short term care. In August a multi-agency workshop focused on the goal of making York a city where no permanent placements into long term care are made from a hospital bed, and embedding the Home First culture as our standard way of working.

### **Main/Key Issues to be Considered**

7. Partners have been working to agree the proposals for the York BCF Plan 2019-20 over an extended period, beginning with an initial workshop for partners in November 2018, and a follow up workshop in February 2019. The BCF Performance and Delivery Group has developed the plan which will be submitted by the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
8. Changes to the CCG Minimum Contribution, which is determined nationally, have been discussed with the regional and national Better Care Support Team. It is anticipated that additional funding necessary to meet the increased commitment to the social care element will be made available to the CCG through a confirmatory letter to be submitted to the Regional Chief Finance Officer by 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
9. Planning and assurance timetable:

BCF planning submission from local Health and Wellbeing Board areas (agreed by CCGs and local government). All submissions will need to be sent to the local BCM, and copied to <a href="mailto:england.bettercaresupport@nhs.net">england.bettercaresupport@nhs.net</a>	By 27 September
Scrutiny of BCF plans by regional assurers, assurance panel meetings, and regional moderation	By 30 October
Regionally moderated assurance outcomes sent to BCST	By 30 October
Cross regional calibration	By 5 November
Assurance recommendations considered by Departments	5-15 November

and NHSE	
Approval letters issued giving formal permission to spend (CCG minimum)	Week commencing 18 November
All Section 75 agreements to be signed and in place	By 15 December

10. Due to the schedule of HWBB meeting dates and the governance arrangements within the partner organisations, it will be necessary for the final plan to be approved by HWBB between meetings. It is therefore recommended that the Chair and Vice Chair are delegated to sign off the final submission on behalf of the system, supported by the council Corporate Director of Health Housing and Adult Social Care and the CCG Accountable Officer.

### **Consultation**

11. The BCF Plan 2019-20 has been developed in a collaborative process with partners, and is co-produced with the scheme providers.

### **Strategic/Operational Plans**

12. The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is the overarching strategic vision for York; this plan supports the delivery of the desired outcomes.
13. The York BCF Plan 2017-19 provided the foundation for the BCF Plan 2019-20.

### **14. Implications**

- **Financial** – BCF is a pooled fund through a Section 75 Agreement between NHS Vale of York CCG and City of York Council.
- **Human Resources (HR)** – many of the schemes funded through BCF are supported by staff on fixed term contracts. The prevalence of short-term funding and fixed term employment contracts are a significant risk to the stability and continuity of our system.

- **Equalities** - none
- **Legal** - none
- **Crime and Disorder** - none
- **Information Technology (IT)** – information technology and digital integration forms part of the system wide improvement plan, relevant representatives from statutory agencies attend the project board, and there are plans to engage non-statutory services and the patients, customers and families in our developments. The national and regional work on this agenda guides our local work.
- **Property** - none
- **Other** – none.

### **Risk Management**

15. Governance processes are in place between the partners to manage the strategic risks of the BCF as part of our whole system working.

### **Recommendations**

16. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:
  - i. Receive the annual report of York Better Care Fund for information.

Reason:

The HWBB is the accountable body for the Better Care Fund. The Policy Framework requires each area to review the performance of the BCF annually. In York we have strengthened our performance framework which is reported on a quarterly basis, and we have introduced partnership evaluation events to enable all schemes to share their experience and develop the whole system's learning, knowledge and awareness of BCF.

- ii. Delegate responsibility for signing off the BCF Plan 2019-20 to the Chair and Vice Chair, supported by the council Corporate Director of Health Housing and Adult Social Care and the CCG Accountable Officer.

Reason:

The meeting date of 11<sup>th</sup> September is too early in the planning process for the final plan to be ready for approval. The submission date of 27<sup>th</sup> September falls prior to the next meeting of HWBB.

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Wards Affected:

All

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### Background Papers:

[Better Care Fund 2019-10 Policy Framework](#)

[Better Care Fund 2019-20 Planning Requirements](#)

### Annexes

Annex 1 – York BCF 2018-19 Annual Report

Annex 2 – BCF Plan 1819 Final Outturn July 2019

### Glossary

#### Abbreviations

BCF - Better Care Fund

CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group  
CYC – City of York Council  
DASS – Director of Adult Social Services  
DCLG - Department for Communities and Local Government  
DH - Department of Health  
DHSC - Department of Health and Social Care  
HWBB – Health and Wellbeing Board  
IT – Information Technology  
KPI – Key Performance Indicator  
NHS - National Health Service  
VOYCCG – Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group