

Health and Wellbeing Board

4th March 2020

Report of the Assistant Director - Joint Commissioning, (BCF Lead)
NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group and City of York
Council.

Better Care Fund Update

Summary

1. This report is for information. It sets out the following:
 - 2019-2020 Better Care Fund Plan for York – approved status
 - Winter pressures grant assurance process
 - 2020-2021 Planning Requirements and timeline

Background

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board has received regular reports from the Better Care Fund Performance and Delivery Group. This report is for information only, to confirm the completion of the formal assurance processes since the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2019.

Main/Key Issues to be considered

2019-2020 BCF Plan

3. York Health and Wellbeing Board submitted its plan for the current financial year on 27th September 2019, in line with the national planning requirements.
4. NHS England and Improvement confirmed in January 2020, by email and letter to the Health and Wellbeing Board Chair, the York plan had been approved. [**Annex 1**].
5. In addition to the plan approval process, areas were required to comply with an assurance process for the deployment of the winter

pressures grant. Confirmation by email was required that acute hospital chief executives had been involved in the development of the plan for the grant. This was sent in line with the requirement.

6. The BCF monitoring return for quarter was submitted in January 2020 in line with requirements. Health and Wellbeing Board members will note the integration success stories which we submitted as part of the template. [**Annex 2**].
7. The full template is available to board members from the report author on request, but its format is not amenable to circulation as part of these papers.

Better Care Fund 2020 - 2021

8. In November we held the first of our partnership planning events to develop our approach to the forthcoming one year plan for 2020 – 2021.
9. The NHS Operational Planning and Contracting Guidance 2020 – 2021 was published at the end of January. It includes a paragraph indicating a further single year plan to continue BCF, with an uplift in CCG minimum contributions and an expectation of additional support for social care as part of this. It also states that the BCF Planning Requirements for 2020/21 will be published in February 2020 alongside the policy framework from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Confirmation of this will be reported verbally to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
10. A further planning event will be held with local partners in the spring, once the national planning requirements have been published.

Consultation

11. None.

Options

12. Not applicable.

Analysis

13. Not applicable.

Strategic/Operational Plans

14. As above:

- Better Care Fund Plan 2019-20

Implications

15. There are no new implications as a result of this report.

Risk Management

16. Risks which have been previously reported to the board in relation to BCF remain relevant.

Recommendations

17. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note this report.

Contact Details

Author:

Pippa Corner
Assistant Director - Joint
Commissioning.
CYC / NHS VOY CCG
01904 551076

Chief Officer Responsible for the report:

Sharon Houlden, Corporate Director
Health, Housing & Adult Social Care
City of York Council

Phil Mettam
Accountable Officer
NHS Vale of York Clinical
Commissioning Group

Report Date
Approved

Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Annexes

Annex 1 – BCF Approval Letter

Annex 2 – Integration success story, excerpt from Quarter 3 return

Glossary of Abbreviations

BCF - Better Care Fund

CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group

DCLG - Department for Communities and Local Government

DHSC - Department of Health and Social Care

NHS – National Health Service