

Report of the Joint Chair(s) of the York Better Care Fund (BCF) Performance and Delivery Group.

Status report on the draft Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2017/19:

Summary

1. This report updates the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) on progress in relation to the development of the BCF submission for 2017/19.

Main/Key Issues to be considered

Guidance

2. At the time of writing this report, final technical guidance is still awaited. This delay means that some elements of the detailed plan are unable to be concluded although discussions between partners locally are progressing well and assumptions about these elements are being made so that plans can be progressed as much as possible.
3. Some communication via the Local Government Association (LGA) and the national Better Care Fund Support Team has been received setting out draft guidance. This is being used to support the development of the narrative element of the plan and the joint investment schedule for 2017/19.
4. Details on timing of submissions, technical definitions for the calculations of metrics, detailed assurance processes and on-going monitoring requirements will be confirmed in the final technical guidance.

Progress to date – narrative and investment schedule

5. A first draft of the narrative has been developed and has been shared with members of the BCF Task Group. Further work is required to progress this to a draft that will be shared with HWBB members during the next month.

6. The total fund available for 2017/18 and 2018/19 has been agreed and the source of funding identified and agreed. Alongside existing sources of funding from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Disabled Facilities Grant, Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) monies have been made available as announced in the Spring budget which have contributed to an increased value of c.£15.3M for 2017/18 and £16.4M for 2018/19.
7. The draft investment schedule has been shared with the BCF Task Group and a set of principles used to inform prioritisation of schemes as follows:
 - Maintain investment in existing schemes
 - Extend investment to full year effect where applicable
 - Apply inflation where applicable
 - Remove the risk share arrangement applied in 2016/17
 - Consider any additional investment in line with iBCF criteria

Progress to date – metrics and measurement

8. Local metrics to support a more detailed and integrated dashboard as agreed at the May Health and Wellbeing Board meeting is in development.
9. Measurement of the existing schemes has been undertaken and considered as part of the prioritisation for on-going investment. It is the intention of the BCF Task Group to undertake more detailed reviews of the schemes during 2017/18 to be able to assess the impact on the wider system and ensure the BCF plan continues to reflect partners' shared priorities going forward.
10. A follow up meeting with the LGA national support officer has taken place and they are supportive of the steps taken to date. In addition, further support/advice on the measurement of Non-Elective Admissions will be progressed nationally following discussions locally with partners.
11. A forward programme of quarterly reporting to the Board is in development as a draft timetable pending release of the technical guidance.
12. Locally, partners are aware of an intention for a number of localities to be targeted for a review by Care Quality Commission (CQC) as part of a national assurance process. The details of this are not confirmed and no formal guidance has been received. However, it is prudent to assume the York HWBB will be considered as an area to be reviewed given the fact that this locality was in the escalation

process last year. Partners are fully sighted on this possibility and are keen to ensure the 2017/19 plan demonstrates alignment to draft guidance¹ which advises that iBCF grant monies must be used for the purposes of:

- meeting adult social care needs;
- reducing pressures on the NHS, including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready;
- and ensuring that the local social care provider market is supported

Section 75 for 2016/17

13. The Section 75 is being revised to reflect the plan for 2017/19. There is no intention to establish a risk share going forward.

Sign off of the 2017/19 plan

14. The Health and Wellbeing Board will be required to 'sign off' the plan. Approval was given at the May meeting of the Board to delegate authority to the Chair and Vice-Chair to do this should the timetable for submission fall outside of the Board's meeting schedule. In order to support this process, it is intended that a draft plan will be circulated to members for consideration in advance of the next meeting (September) when the final draft plan is expected to be ready for formal consideration by the Board – subject to the final technical guidance being received prior to this date.

Consultation

15. The issues summarised in this report have been subject to discussion and agreement involving a wide range of partner organisations within York and North Yorkshire.

Options

16. There are no options provided in this report.

Strategic/Operational Plans

17. The BCF plan is part of wider strategic plans of all partner organisations, including the CCG and CYC and should not be considered in isolation.

¹ *Integration and Better Care Fund Planning for 2017-19 v4.5 (draft guidance – not cleared nationally)*

Implications

18. One of the key challenges facing partners is our stated desire to progress shared initiatives and grow the level of pooled resource whilst managing the on-going system pressure. Movement towards an Accountable Care System with localised planning and delivery provides an additional platform to develop this intent.

Risk Management

19. A risk log has been established for the plan and is monitored via the BCF Task Group. The broader system efficiencies lie within the interests of all partners, however, the financial risk rests with the CYC and CCG.

Recommendations

20. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the issues set out in this report:

Reason: HWBB oversight of BCF

Contact Details

Author:

Elaine Wyllie
Director of Joint
Commissioning
Vale of York CCG
01904 555870

Chief Officer Responsible for the report:

Phil Mettam
Accountable Officer
Vale of York CCG
01904 555870

Report
Approved



Date 25/06/2017

Wards Affected:

All

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

None

Glossary

BCF – Better Care Fund
CHC – Continuing Health Care

CCG – NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group
CQC – Care Quality Commission
CYC – City of York Council
DFG – Disabled Facilities Grant
HWB – Health and Wellbeing Board
iBCF – Improved Better Care Fund
NEA – Non-Elective Admissions
TEWV – Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust
YFT – York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust