

Health and Wellbeing Board 14th November, 2019

HWBB Joint Commissioning Report - Better Care Fund Plan

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report introduces the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 19/20, as well as the variation to the Section 75 Partnership Agreement; both documents are being presented for endorsement by the HWBB.
- 1.2 The BCF in 19/20 continues to provide a mechanism for personalised, integrated approaches to health and care the support people to remain independent at home or return to independence after an episode in hospital. The BCF Policy Framework provides continuity from previous rounds by maintaining 4 national conditions. These are (in brief):
 - 1.2.1 Must be signed off by the HWBB and by the Local Authority and CCG;
 - 1.2.2 Must demonstrate how the area will maintain the level of spending on social care services from the CCG minimum contribution in line with the uplift to the CCGs minimum contribution;
 - 1.2.3 Must allocate a specific proportion to out-of-hospital services;
 - 1.2.4 Must provide a clear plan for managing transfers of care through the High Impact Change Model
- 1.3 Other notable requirements of the 19/20 plan include:
 - 1.3.1 The DFG, iBCF and Winter Pressures Grant monies are included within the BCF (although there has been no confirmation on the continuation of the iBCF and Winter Pressures – additional information in the Risk section below)
 - 1.3.2 The narrative should reflect the joint plan for integration of health and social care locally as well as reflect jointly agreed approaches across the STP geography
- 1.4 In autumn/ spring 18/19, the Joint Commissioning Group conducted an annual review of the BCF; this review in combination with the Joint Statement of Intent, endorsed at the May HWBB has been used as a guide to develop the BCF plan for 19/20.
- 1.5 Through this continued system collaboration, the priorities identified for the Shropshire BCF are:
 - Prevention – keeping people well and self-sufficient in the first place; community referral including Let's Talk Local and Social Prescribing, Dementia Companions, Voluntary and Community Sector, Population Health Management
 - Admission Avoidance – when people are not so well, how can we improve their health in the community; out of hospital focus (Care Closer to Home, Integrated Community Services, new admission avoidance scheme), carers and mental health

- Delayed Transfers and system flow - using the 8 High Impact Model; Joint Equipment Contract, Assistive Technology, Integrated Community Service, Red Bag

- 1.6 The BCF plan and associated schemes have been identified using the above priorities and national guidance; the Plan is attached as Appendix A. The Plan is in the form of an Excel Spreadsheet with tabs highlighted for each section including; strategic narrative, income, expenditure (scheme information), High Impact Care Model (HICM) and metrics.
- 1.7 Whilst we are working at a Shropshire Council area to develop many schemes of the BCF, we are working at a system level to develop much of the 8 High Impact model (HICM tab in the BCF template) and we are articulating our person centred care ambition for the system. The narrative, which will also feature in the STP Long Term Plan will recognise the significant transformation and shift required to deliver person centred integrated care, but highlights the system commitment to deliver at scale.
- 1.8 The plan has been recommended for approval by the regional BCF assurance process, however we have not received final sign off by the national assurance panel, who work to ensure consistency across the country. We expect this approval in mid-December. This year, plans are either 'approved' or 'not approved' and we don't have a third option to 'Approve with conditions' as in previous years.
- 1.9 The DRAFT variation of the Section 75 Partnership Agreement is attached as Appendix B. It is a variation to the agreement that was endorsed by the HWBB in 18/19; the document does not materially change the original BCF Section 75 Agreement; it does however, incorporate the new 19/20 BCF Plan. The document remains in Draft form until endorsed by the HWBB and agreed by both Shropshire Council and Shropshire CCG.
- 1.10 The Risk section below highlights the continued risk of the year on year funding through the iBCF for admission avoidance and delayed transfers in particular.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The HWBB are asked to endorse the BCF plan; attached as Appendix A.
- 2.2 The HWBB are asked to endorse the Variation of the Section 75 Partnership Agreement; prior to final approval by Shropshire Council and Shropshire CCG. Attached as Appendix B
- 2.3 The HWBB note the risks associated with continued reliance on grant funding to pay for system initiatives to support transfers of care and admission avoidance.
3. **Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal** (NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)
- 3.1 The HWB Strategy requires that the health and care system work to reduce inequalities in Shropshire. All decisions and discussions by the Board must take into account reducing inequalities.
- 3.2 The schemes of the BCF and other system planning have been done by engaging with stakeholders, service users, and patients. This has been done in a variety of ways including through patient groups, focus groups, ethnographic research.

3.3 Continued reliance on grant funding (iBCF and Winter Pressures), to support system flow, admissions avoidance and transfers of care schemes, holds significant financial risk should the grant funding stop.

4. Finance

4.1 The key financial information contained in the BCF Plan/ template can be summarised as follows:

BCF Total Budget 2019/20	£40,974,328
Total Pooled Fund Amount 2019/20	£7,779,302
Total Non-Pooled Amounts 2019/20	£33,195,026
Non Pooled Amounts as follows:	
CCG Revenue Schemes	£13,839,000
Shropshire Council Revenue Schemes (including iBCF and Winter Pressures Schemes)	£16,146,735
Disabled Facilities Grants	£3,209,291

Contributing Partner Organisation	Pooled Fund Contribution amount 2019/20 (£)	Contributions to be paid to the host authority:	Non-Pooled Fund Contribution Amount 2019/20 (to be held by the CONTRIBUTING Partner) (£)	Total BCF Contribution 2019/20 (£)
Shropshire Council	-	-	19,356,026	19,356,026
Shropshire CCG	7,779,302	Monthly following receipt of an invoice from the host organisation	13,839,000	21,618,302
	7,779,302		33,195,026	40,974,328

4.2 The Better Care Fund progress is reported at every Health and Wellbeing Board through the Joint Commissioning Report to the HWBB, at each board meeting.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

See [here](#) for previous HWBB papers

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Appendices

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