

**Title of meeting:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date of meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Subject:** Better Care Fund Plan 2021/22

**Report by:** Jo York, Managing Director, Portsmouth CCG

**Wards affected:** None

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Health and Wellbeing Board members on the Better Care Fund (BCF) for 2021/22 and seek formal Health and Wellbeing Board sign-off for the BCF plan that has been submitted to NHS England and NHS Improvement.

**2. Recommendations**

**2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:**

- i. Approve the Portsmouth Better Care Fund plan for 2021/22, as submitted to NHS England and Improvement (NHSE/I).
- ii. Note work ongoing to support integrated health and care provision that is funded via the BCF.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 NHSE published the [Better Care Fund planning requirements for 2021/22](#) on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. BCF plans were required to be submitted to NHSE/I by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- 3.2 For 2021/22 BCF plans consist of:
- i. A narrative plan
  - ii. A BCF planning template including planned expenditure, confirmation that national conditions are met, ambitions for national metrics and additional contributions to BCF section 75 agreements.
- 3.3 Use of BCF funding streams is jointly agreed by the CCG and City Council, via the BCF and Health and Care Portsmouth Commissioning Partnership

Management Group, which is comprised of the relevant officers from both organisations and oversees the Section 75 agreements.

- 3.4 Local areas were not required to submit BCF plans in 2020/21 due to system pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2021/22 BCF plans focus on continuity of integrated health and care, supporting recovery from the pandemic and building on partnership working across Health and Care Portsmouth to benefit people across the City.
- 3.5 The BCF plan continues to support the well-established principles of the Portsmouth Blueprint to deliver better outcomes for our population. Our vision is for everyone in Portsmouth to be supported to live healthy and independent lives for as long as possible, with health, social care and support integrated around individual needs at the right time and in the right place.

#### **4. Reasons for recommendations**

- 4.1 The [Better Care Fund policy framework](#) indicates the national conditions that BCF plans must meet:
- i. A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners, signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
  - ii. NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to CCG minimum contribution.
  - iii. Investment in NHS-commissioned out-of-hospital services.
  - iv. A plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital.
- 4.2 The plan reflects well established joint commissioning and partnership working arrangements and Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to sign off the attached 2021/22 Portsmouth BCF plan.

#### **5. Integrated impact assessment**

- 5.1 An integrated impact assessment is not required as the recommendation does not directly impact on services that are already being delivered. Schemes and services within the BCF are subject to the appropriate CCG or City Council Integrated, Equality or Quality Impact Assessments. A CCG Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken as part of the planning process.

#### **6. Legal implications**

- 6.1 Legal considerations have been taken into account where appropriate for individual schemes and projects within the BCF.

#### **7. Director of Finance's comments**

- 7.1 Financial oversight and approval of BCF expenditure is via the Partnership Management Group, which comprises the relevant members of CCG and City

Council Finance directorates. BCF allocations for 2021/22 are authorised as noted in the planning template.

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**Appendices:**

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Location</b>

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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