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## **1. Brighton & Hove Better Care Plan 2017- 2019**

- 1.1. The contents of this paper can be shared with the general public.
- 1.2. This paper is for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- 1.3. Author of the Paper and contact details:

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## **2. Summary**

- 2.1 The BCF provides a mechanism for joint health and social care planning and commissioning, bringing together ring-fenced budgets from Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) allocations, the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and funding paid directly to local government for adult social care services – the Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF). The Spring Budget 2017 announced an additional £2 billion to support adult social care in England. This money is included in the IBCF grant to local authorities (LAs) and therefore included in local BCF pooled funding and plans.
- 2.2 The legal framework for the Fund derives from the amended NHS Act 2006 (s. 223GA), which requires that in each area the CCG(s) transfer minimum allocations (as set out in the Mandate) into one or more pooled budgets, established under Section 75 of that Act, and that approval of plans for the use of that funding may be subject to conditions set by NHS England. NHS England will approve plans for spend from the CCG minimum in consultation with Department of Health (DH) and Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) as part of overall plan approval.
- 2.3 The BCF guidance states that the Plan has to be formally approved by the Health & Wellbeing Board. However the timeframe for the BCF submission causes a time conflict for our Board dates. The steps for local system approval of the Better Care Plan and subsequent submission to NHS England are listed below with the agreed actions we have undertaken to date.

Table 1: Better Care Plan time line

action	date
Draft plan for review at Integration Board	26th July 2017
Trajectories and data reviewed and finalised against plan	27th July 2017
Paper endorsed at Health and Well-being Pre meeting	23rd August 2017
External NHS and LGA Challenge session with feedback for action	30th August 2017
Board to be informed of challenge findings, and the action / changes to the Plan that will be made accordingly  Chair and Executive Director and Accountable Office to discuss any issues raised by Board	no date provided in guidance about feedback date
CCG Finance and Performance Committee	5th September 2017
Executive Director for Health & Social Care with Accountable Officer to undertake final submission in consultation with Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
National submission date	11th September 2017
Plan formally presented at HWB Board meeting for information	12th September 2017

### **3 Decisions, recommendations and any options**

3.1 This report is presented for formal approval.

At the pre meeting of the Board following discussion the Board:

- Agreed the content of the working draft
- Authorised the Executive Director of Health and Social Care to undertake the final submission following consultation with the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board and the Accountable Officer
- Provide the Health & Wellbeing Board with the final submission for information as required by the BCF guidance.
- Agreed to a further report coming to the Board in November to provide more details on the monitoring and governance arrangement of the BCF in the light of the integration agenda.

### **4. Relevant information**

4.1 Appendix 1 contains the BCF submission made to the DH on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

4.2 There are key changes to the policy framework since 2016-17 include:

- A requirement for plans to be developed for the two-year period 2017-2019, rather than a single year; and
- The number of national conditions which local areas will need to meet through the planning process in order to access the funding has been reduced from eight to four.

4.3 The four national conditions require:

- a. That a BCF Plan, including at least the minimum contribution to the pooled fund specified in the BCF allocations, must be signed off by the HWB, and by the constituent LAs and CCGs;
- b. A demonstration of how the area will maintain in real terms the level of spending on social care services from the CCG minimum contribution to the fund in line with inflation;

- c. That a specific proportion of the area's allocation is invested in NHS-commissioned out-of-hospital services, or retained pending release as part of a local risk sharing agreement; and
- d. All areas to implement the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfer of Care

4.4 It is important to note that the BCF submission is not about service change but building on the previous BCF delivery and also providing more capacity in the key delivery areas.



## 5. Important considerations and implications

Legal:

- 5.1 The Health & Wellbeing Board has responsibility to oversee and monitor the implementation of the local Better Care Fund Plan. The proposals in this report are consistent with this role, including the proposed future report regarding monitoring and governance arrangements.

Lawyer consulted: Elizabeth Culbert Date:17/08/17

Finance:

- 5.2 The Better Care Fund is a section 75 pooled budget hosted by Brighton & Hove CCG. The 2017/18 budget is £25.350m (including £5.093m iBCF). Future year budget allocations have yet to be confirmed and the iBCF grant will reduce over the next two years. The better Care Fund Plan must be delivered within this budget envelope. Financial performance is regularly reported to the finance and performance board.

Finance Officer consulted: David Ellis Date: 31/08/17

Equalities:

Sustainability:

- 5.3 The Better Care plan outlines actions to support people in the most appropriate settings aiding timely discharge from hospital and avoiding unnecessary admissions. This will contribute to a more efficient use of resources avoiding unnecessary use of acute hospital settings which are resource intensive in terms of finances and energy usage. This will also minimise patient/carer journeys to and from hospital settings.

The aims and objectives of the strategy have a significant impact on improvements to the health and wellbeing of some of the city's most vulnerable residents.



## **6. Supporting documents and information**

Appendix 1: The Better Care Fund submission working draft. The final Plan that is submitted will be tabled at the Board on 12<sup>th</sup> September and put on the Board web pages.

