

6 November 2019**Agenda Item:8****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH****RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL OF THE 2019-20 BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) PLANNING TEMPLATE SUBMISSION****Purpose of the Report**

1. In accordance with the approved recommendations within the Better Care Fund Report to the Board on 4 September 2019, this report requests that the Health & Wellbeing Board:
 - Approve the Nottinghamshire 2019-20 Better Care Fund planning template that was submitted to NHS England on 27 September 2019.

Information

2. The national 2019-20 Better Care Fund planning template was delayed during the recent period of government transition and was not available to be approved by the Health & Wellbeing Board prior to the required submission date of 27 September 2019 to NHS England.
3. On 4 September 2019, the Health & Wellbeing Board approved a process of retrospective approval for the planning submission.
4. Led by Paul Johnson (Service Director: Strategic Commissioning & Integration), all local Better Care Fund partners contributed to the completion of the 2019-20 planning template. The completed plan was agreed by all partners prior to submission, namely:
 - Councillor Steve Vickers (Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board)
 - Melanie Brooks (Corporate Director: Adult Social Care & Health)
 - Amanda Sullivan (Nottingham & Nottinghamshire CCGs Accountable Officer)
 - Idris Griffiths (Bassetlaw CCG Accountable Officer)
5. Subsequently the Nottinghamshire Plan was approved by the Regional Assurance Panel on 8 October 2019 and passed to the national team for final approval.
6. The Nottinghamshire 2019-20 Better Care Fund planning template submission is shown in full at Appendix 1.

Other options considered

7. None.

Reasons for Recommendation

8. To ensure the Health & Wellbeing Board has oversight of the Better Care Fund and can discharge its national obligations.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

10. The 2019-20 Better Care Fund pooled budget has been agreed as £92,221,595 after inflation and is summarized in Appendix 1.

Human Resources Implications

11. There are no Human Resources implications contained within the content of this report.

Legal Implications

12. The Care Act facilitates the establishment of the Better Care Fund by providing a mechanism to make the sharing of NHS funding with local authorities mandatory. The wider powers to use Health Act flexibilities to pool funds, share information and staff are unaffected.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health & Wellbeing Board:

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Constitutional Comments (LW 22/10/2019)

13. Health and Wellbeing Board is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (DG 22/10/2019)

14. The 2019-20 Better Care Fund pooled budget has been agreed as £92,221,595 after inflation and is summarized in Appendix 1.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 2018-19 Progress Update and Approval for the Use of the BCF Care Act Allocation (Recurrent and Reserve), the Improved BCF, and the Winter Pressures Grant 2019-20 – report to Health & Wellbeing Board on 6 March 2019
- 2019-20 Better Care Fund Policy Framework, Department of Health & Social Care, 10 April 2019
- Quarterly reporting from Local Authorities to the Department of Health & Social Care in relation to the Better Care Fund, Quarter 4 Return – 18 April 2019
- 2018-19 Better Care Fund Performance – report to Health & Wellbeing Board on 5 June 2019
- Better Care Fund Planning Requirements for 2019-20, Department of Health & Social Care, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, and NHS England, 18 July 2019
- 2019-20 First Quarter Better Care Fund Performance and Programme Update – report to Health & Wellbeing Board on 4 September 2019

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All.