



20 November 2017

Agenda Item: 6

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ADULT SOCIAL CARE,
HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY**

**BETTER CARE FUND POOLED BUDGET – Q2 2017/18
RECONCILIATION**

Purpose of the Report

1. This report sets out progress to date against the Nottinghamshire Better Care Fund (BCF) plan and the impact of recent policy changes. The Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee are invited to:
 - 1.1. Consider and comment on the findings of the reconciliation of the BCF Pooled Fund for Q2 2017/18.

Information and Advice

2. Nottinghamshire County Council and the six Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) contributing to the pooled fund undertook a reconciliation exercise of Quarter 2 2017/18 income and expenditure.
3. Expenditure is currently on plan. Tables 1 and 2 show the difference between funding available and spend to period 6.

Table 1: Quarter 2 2017/18			
Contributing partner	Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)	Nottinghamshire County Council	Total
<i>£'000s</i>			
Funding within the pooled budget	£25,768	£13,989	£39,757
Payments received from pooled budget to NCC	£15,777	£23,981	£39,757
Total spend to period 6	£15,777	£23,981	£39,757
Under/(over) spend to period 6	-	-	-

4. The Nottinghamshire County Council allocation is shown in Table 2. This table shows the difference between planned spend and actual spend to period 6. The Improved Better Care Fund is forecasting a breakeven position with the inclusion of new bids proposed to utilise underspend. This position will be updated as part of the monthly monitoring process of BCF funds.

Table 2: Quarter 2 2017/18 Nottinghamshire County Council

£'000s	Planned Spend	Spend	Variance
Protecting Social Care	£8,370	£8,370	0
Carers	£618	£618	0
Care Act Implementation	£1,004	£1,004	0
Improved Better Care Fund	£8,030	£8,030	0
Disabled Facilities Grant (District and Borough Councils)	£5,958	£5,958	£0

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

5. To ensure appropriate governance is in place to oversee the delivery of the pooled fund as the Host Organisation.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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 services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, 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

7. The financial implications are detailed in the Nottinghamshire BCF plan. The pooled budget amounts to a minimum of £73.5m in 2017/18. Progress against the plan will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board on an ongoing basis as part of the Better Care Fund reporting process.

Legal Implications

8. The Care Act facilitates the establishment of the BCF 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/S

That the Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the findings of the reconciliation of the BCF Pooled Fund for Q2 2017/18.

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Constitutional Comments (LMcC 10/11/17)

9. Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report. If Committee resolves that any actions are required it must be satisfied that such actions are within the Committee's terms of reference.

Financial Comments (OC 10/11/17)

10. The financial implications are contained within the body of the report. They are summarised in the tables found in paragraphs 3 and 4.

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.

- Terms of Reference for BCF Steering Group and Finance, Planning and Performance sub-group.
- Better Care Fund Pooled Budget March 2015
- Better care fund pooled budget – Q1 and Q2 reconciliation and planning for 2016/17. December 2015
- Section 75 Pooled Fund Agreement 2015/16 variation
- Section 75 Pooled Fund Agreement 2016/17
- Section 75 Pooled Fund Agreement 2017/18

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All