



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Health and Wellbeing Board Reports

Thursday, 29 September 2022

Better Care Fund update

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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	No
Forward Plan:	August 2022
Report considered by:	Health and Wellbeing Board on 29 September 2022

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

The Board is ask to:

- 1.1 Agree and approve the Better Care Fund Programme for 2022/23; and
- 1.2 Give delegated authority to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to approve future plans on behalf of the Board – subject to retrospective presentation and approval.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 This report summarises the Submission of the Better Care Fund (BCF) and programme for formal approval.
- 2.2 The principal aim of the BCF programme locally is to transform the health and social care system, utilising the resources that supports the local system to successfully deliver the

integration of health and social care in a way that supports person-centred, sustainability and better outcomes for people and carers.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national programme that is Place based to Telford and Wrekin. It is jointly led by Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care System and Borough of Telford & Wrekin as a partnership approach.
- 3.2 To monitor and drive the development of the BCF, a Programme Board is in place which reports directly into Telford & Wrekin Integrated Place Partnership (TWIPP). Please refer to the TWIPP report also on the Health and Wellbeing agenda for more information on TWIPP.
- 3.3 The BCF programme for 2022/23 is a one year plan with the aim to further transform the health and social care system, support person-centred care in a sustainable way and provide better outcomes for people and carers. The BCF funded resources will contribute to and support key programmes across:
- Place based programmes (TWIPP)
 - Local Care Transformation programmes
 - Urgent and Emergency Care Priority Transformation Programme
- 3.4 The Narrative Plan sets out evidence to demonstrate meeting Four National Conditions:
- Agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners
 - NHS contribution to adult social care at HWB level to be maintained
 - invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services
 - implementing the new Policy objectives for 2022/23
 - enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
 - provide the right care in the right place at the right time
- 3.5 The Narrative Plan also sets out how meets seven Planning Requirements incorporating 26 Key Lines of Enquiry (KLoEs):
- Clear narrative for integration across health and social care
 - Joined up approach across integrated, person-centred services
 - Collaborative Commissioning
 - Plan to reduce inequalities and disparities including protected characteristics within local population and priorities under the Equalities Act and NHS actions in line with Core20PLUS
 - Strategic, joined up plan for DFG
 - Housing support including DFG to support independence at home
 - NHS to non-acute commissioned care matches or exceeds minimum contribution
 - NHS contribution to social care matches or exceeds minimum
 - Agreed approach to implementing Policy Guidance (PR5)
 - Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
 - Provider the right care in the right place at the right time
 - Self assessment and Plan for HICM for managing transfers of care
 - Demand and Capacity Plan
 - Components that monies are earmarked for purpose and used for that purpose
 - How used to support unpaid carers
 - NHS contribution for Implementation of Care Act duties, carer-specific support, Enablement
 - Stretching metrics with clear ambitions

4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1 The programmes for 2022/23 are integrated with and contributes to Place based, Local Care and Urgent Care programmes:
- Maximise potential for admission avoidance including Virtual Ward
 - Enhance integrated working of Community Teams
 - Maximise Proactive Prevention approaches to reduce/ delay use of statutory services
 - Develop the Ageing Well Strategy
 - Integrate HICMs to urgent care delivery ie hospital improvement/ flow
 - Develop options for delivery of sustainable Intermediate Care functions (including beds, Enablement beds, key outcomes)
 - Re-commission domiciliary care provision to maximise resources and meet increased demand
- 4.2 Key performance metrics are highlighted within the dashboard:
- Avoidable admissions
 - Discharge to the usual place of residence
 - Reducing permanent admissions to residential and nursing care.
 - Improving reablement outcomes.
- 4.3 The BCF performance Narrative Plan, Planning Template and Demand and Capacity Template will be presented when completed for the Submission position.
- 4.4 The submission has to be submitted to NHSEngland/Improvement by 26 September for approval.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 Please refer to the Narrative Plan.

6.0 Key Risks

- 6.1 Risks to the overall programme delivery are considered within the BCF Board. Current risks identified include:
- Impact on Covid19 on service delivery;
 - Bed and domiciliary care market capacity; and
 - Increased demand creating financial pressures.

7.0 Council Priorities

- 7.1 The BCF programme supports the council to achieve the following priorities specifically:
- Priority 1 – every child, young person and adult lived well in their community
 - Priority 5 – a community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services

8.0 Financial Implications

- 8.1 The BCF pooled budget in 2022/23 is £25.3m, the detail of which is shown in the table below against the relevant elements of the BCF programme.
- 8.2 The financial monitoring of this fund and consideration of any issues arising is undertaken by the BCF Board as per the required Section 75 agreement and is reported to the Council and the Integrated Care Board via their own financial management governance arrangements.

Summary Statement	Annual Budget 2022/23 (£)
Intermediate Care	7,972,182
Community Resilience	1,033,160
Telford Neighbourhood Care	4,774,121
Other Care	11,532,262
Grand Total:	25,311,725

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

- 9.1 The Better Care Fund was established by the Government in June 2013 [in preparation for the Care Act 2014 coming into force] to provide funding to support the integration of health and social care to achieve National Conditions and Local Objectives. A requirement of the Better Care Fund is for pooled funds to be established for this purpose
- 9.2 The Section 75 of the National Health Services Act 2006 [as amended] enables local authorities and NHS Bodies to enter into partnership arrangements to provide more streamlined services and to pool funds, subject to meeting the requirements of the NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements Regulations 2000 [as amended]
- 9.3 There have been a signed Section 75 Agreements in place between the Borough of Telford & Wrekin and NHS Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group, now Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care System in respect of the Better Care Fund annually (updated and amended each year) which set out the accountability arrangements and flow of funding. Health and Wellbeing Boards are expected to oversee the strategic direction of the Better Care Fund and the delivery of better integrated care, as part of their statutory duty to encourage integrated working between commissioners [Section 195 Health and Social Care Act 2012]
- 9.4 The 2022/23 Better Care Fund policy framework has been amended in reference to the policy objectives detailed in the “2022 to 2023 Better Care Fund Policy Framework” document (19 July 2022) and referenced in this report.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 All wards will be impacted on by these proposals.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 It is intended that this programme of work will contribute to improve health & wellbeing outcomes within the borough.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment intelligence informs intentions to ensure resources are targeted appropriately to improve health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities.

12.2 The Plan has a specific requirement to demonstrate its focus on reducing inequalities and disparities including protected characteristics within the local population and priorities under the Equalities Act.

13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

13.1 This report has no direct climate change or environmental impact.

14.0 Background Papers

- 1 Better Care Fund (presented to Health and Wellbeing Board on 24 March 2022)
- 2 Better Care Fund (presented to Health and Wellbeing Board on 11 February 2020)

15.0 Appendices

- A The Better Care Fund Narrative Report 2022/2023 – to follow

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	21/09/2022	21/09/2022	ON
Finance	21/09/2022	21/09/2022	TS
SMT	21/09/2022	21/09/2022	SD