



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 14 October 2019

From: Pete Fahy, Director of Adult Services

Title: Better Care Fund Plan 2019 / 2020

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek approval to the Better Care Fund Plan 2019/2020, which is a one-year plan, for the current year, and an extension to the previous two year plan. It is a joint plan, together with the Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As per a condition of the Better Care Fund, the Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to agree the plan post submission to NHS England. As required the plan was submitted to NHS England on 27 September 2019.

3 Information – Better Care Fund and Plan Background

- 3.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) provides support to councils and NHS organisations to jointly plan and deliver local services. It has been in place since 2015, with the previous Coventry BCF Plan covering the period 2017-2019. That plan was agreed through delegated responsibility, by the Coventry and Wellbeing Board in September 2017.
- 3.2 Financially the BCF is managed via a Section 75 agreement between Coventry City Council and Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group and hosted by CCC. A key purpose of the BCF is to maximise community services, to prevent older people from going into hospital and helping them move on quickly and safely following hospital admission, thus reducing cost and improving outcomes within the overall system.
- 3.3 The Coventry Better Care Fund has always exceeded the minimum funding requirements laid out by the guidance. However, this reflects the Council and CCG working together for the residents of the city by pooling existing resources, rather than additional funding that has been provided.
- 3.4 The resources in the table below are all committed to existing areas of activity including City Councils older people community purchasing and the CRCCGs Out of Hospital contract. The resources also include the £13.8m iBCF grant resources that having previously only being confirmed until the end of 2019/20, have now been confirmed for one more year. This represents a significant amount of existing Adult Social Care resources

that remain at future risk, and if it the grant does not continue could lead to significant service reductions.

3.5 The 19/20 plan resources are as follows:

	19/20 Minimum Allocation £	19/20 Additional Allocation £	19/20 Total Allocation £
Coventry City Council	19,008,569	25,981,298	44,989,867
Coventry & Rugby CCG	24,497,661	37,688,396	62,186,057
Total	43,506,230	63,669,694	107,175,924

4 National Context

4.1 The NHS Long Term Plan was published by NHS England on 7 January 2019 which sets out priorities for healthcare over the next 10 years and shows how the NHS funding settlement will be used. Integrated care systems are to be created across England by 2021, and Clinical Commissioning Groups are to be merged. Prevention is a key focus of the plan.

4.2 The Warwickshire North and Coventry and Rugby CCGs Operational Plan for 2019/20 was developed in response to the publication of the NHS Long Term Plan (NHS LTP). It recognises that 2019/20 will be a pivotal and transitional year for the two CCGs and the wider local health and care system.

4.3 From a social care perspective, the city council is an important part of the local health and social care economy and the changes in the local system will inevitably influence how the city council develops its services to support the people of the City.

4.4 The Better Care Fund has been extended a further year, 2019/2020 with a requirement to submit updated and extended plans for this year. As the guidance and policy was issued part way through the year, a much reduced plan is required based on completion of the template at appendix one. Earlier years have required more significant plans. Plans will be subject to a national assurance process to take place week commencing 18th November 2019. This timescale means that plan will only in theory be approved 4 months before it expires.

4.5 A requirement of the Plan is that it be jointly developed and approved by CCC and CRCCG and the Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board. Approvals were received by CCC and CRCCG prior to submission to NHS England on 27 September 2019. Good working relationships continue in Coventry, and we are on target to deliver the plan.

4.6 The plan sees a continuation of the previous nationally determined metrics. The challenging metric is DTOC where, although Social Care performance remains good the overall system performance, as a result of NHS delays is an outlier. This position may draw attention as the plan goes through approval. This is known issue and partners are working on ways to improve this system performance issue.

5 Recommendation

5.1 Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to agree the draft plan, which is a plan for the current year, representing a 1 year extension to the previous 2 year plan.

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Appendices

Better Care Fund 2019 – 2020 Template – available on request