



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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From: Pete Fahy, Director of Adult Services

Title: Better Care Fund Requirements 20/21

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The conditions of the 20/21 Better Care Fund (BCF) programme require CCG's and Local Authorities to confirm compliance with the four national conditions to Health & Wellbeing Board (HWBB). This report asks HWBB to note that the 4 conditions have been met.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 HWBB are asked to note that the 4 national conditions described below have been met.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme is designed to support local systems to successfully deliver the integration of health and social care in a way that supports person-centred care, sustainability and better outcomes for people and carers.
- 3.2 Due to the pandemic, a decision was taken nationally that 20/21 policy and planning requirements would not be published and the prioritisation would be on continuity of provision, social care capacity and system resilience based on local agreement, with no requirement to submit plans to NHS England and NHS Improvement for approval.
- 3.3 An end of year reconciliation per HWBB was required to be completed which included confirmation that the following four national conditions had been met.
- **National Condition 1** – Plans covering all mandatory funding contributions have been agreed by HWBB areas and minimum contributions are pooled in a section 75 agreement (an agreement made under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006). *Plans were agreed with the CCG and two variations to the main s75 agreement have been in operation during 20/21. The first relates to updating the existing programme to reflect 20/21 resources and the second specifically dealt with the new Hospital Discharge fund introduced nationally during the pandemic. Table 1 below shows the resources in the plan and how these exceed the minimum expectations.*
 - **National Condition 2** – The contribution to social care from the CCG via the BCF is agreed and meets or exceeds the minimum expectation *As part of the pooling there is an expectation that a certain level of CCG funding is used to support social care. The minimum required was £9.4m with the plan exceeding this at £10.1m.*

- **National Condition 3** – Spend on CCG commissioned out of hospital services meets or exceeds the minimum ringfence.

As part of the pooling there is an expectation that a certain level of CCG funding is used to commission out of hospital spend. The minimum required was £7.3m with the plan exceeding this at £15.8m.

- **National Condition 4** – The CCG and LA have confirmed compliance with these conditions to the HWBB.

This report seeks to confirm compliance with these conditions to HWBB.

3.4 In line with Condition 4 above, Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note that the conditions have been met.

3.5 Table 1 below shows the resources (including 19/20 for comparison) included in the BCF programme for 20/21.

Table 1 BCF Resources	20/21 Minimum Allocation	20/21 Additional Allocation	20/21 Total Allocation	19/20 Allocation (for comparison)
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Coventry City Council	19.505	27.061	46.566	44.990
Coventry & Rugby CCG	25.938	43.992	69.930	62.186
Hospital Discharge Fund *	0.000	14.143	14.143	0.000
Total	45.443	85.196	130.639	107.176

*The hospital discharge fund was an additional COVID related funding scheme where the additional costs of hospital discharge was claimed from Government via the CCG which was added via a further variation into the main BCF programme

4 Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

4.1 This report fulfils the requirements of the BCF programme for 20/21 and has no specific options to consider.

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