



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 3rd October 2022

From: Peter Fahy – Director of Adult Services and Housing

Title: Better Care Fund Plan 22/23

1 Purpose

To seek formal approval of the Coventry Better Care Fund Plan 2022/23 submissions.

2 Recommendations

The Board are asked to note the content of this report and to approve the attached Better Care Fund Plan 22/23 submissions attached.

3 Information/Background

The Better Care Fund (BCF) commenced in 2015 with an aim of bringing together the NHS, adult social care and housing services so that older people, and those with complex needs, can manage their own health and wellbeing, and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

It is based on the concept of a pooled budget between Clinical Commissioners and Local Authorities with one party agreeing to 'host' the pool which is managed by a s75 legal agreement. The Coventry BCF pool is hosted by Coventry City Council.

The Planning process for 2022/23 was published on 19th July 2022 with a very tight timescale of completion and submission by 26th September 2022. Once more this planning process only relates to a single year.

The submissions were approved at the ICB Finance and Performance committee meeting on 7th September 2022 followed by the Integrated Care Board meeting on 21st September 2022.

The national process requires the plan to be signed off by the HWBB, and if not signed off at the point of submission, details of the next meeting where it will be approved were required to be submitted. With the return deadline being 26th September, this report is presented at HWBB on 3rd October 2022 as the next available meeting at which to seek approval. Alongside the Narrative Plan and planning template attached, a demand and capacity template will also require to be submitted however this is not part of the assurance process that will be completed nationally. Following submission, the approval process will be completed with approval letters expected to be issued on 30th November 2022.

As the pooled budget in the main deals with ongoing health and social care activities, this plan represents a continuation of existing work to support the requirements of the Better Care Fund.

4 Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

The Board are recommended to approve the Better Care Fund Plan 22/23 submissions.

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