
To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 26th July 2023

From: Peter Fahy – Director of Adult Services and Housing

Title: Better Care Fund Plan 2023/2025

1 Purpose

To seek formal approval of the Coventry Better Care Fund Plan 2023/25 submissions.

2 Recommendations

The Board are asked to note the content of this report and to approve the attached Better Care Fund Plan 23/25 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.

This planning process spans two years for 2023/24 and 2024/25 although final funding for the second year is not yet confirmed. Planning Guidance was not published until 12th April 2023 and the narrative plan and template was required to be submitted within a very tight timescale of 28th June 2023.

The submissions were approved by the ICB Executive Committee on 27th June 2023.

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 28th June, this report is presented at HWBB on 26th July 2023 as the next available meeting at which to seek approval. Alongside the Narrative Plan and planning template attached. Following submission, a regional and national approval process will be completed.

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 23/25 submissions.

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