



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 6th March 2024

From: Peter Fahy – Director of Adult Services and Housing

Title: Better Care Fund Q3 Reporting 2023/24

1 Purpose

To seek retrospective approval for the Coventry Better Care Fund Q3 reporting template 2023/24.

2 Recommendations

The Board are asked to note the content of this report and to retrospectively approve the attached Better Care Fund Q3 reporting template 2023/24.

3 Information/Background

The Better Care Fund (BCF) started in 2015 with an aim of bringing together the NHS, 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.

In year BCF reporting was halted in 2020/21 in recognition of the pressures from the COVID pandemic. Since the end of the pandemic the national planning requirement timeframes had not yet caught up sufficiently to restart the quarterly reporting requirements.

BCF planning requirements covering the two years 23/24 and 24/25 were published in April 23 stating that in year reporting would recommence, and confirmation was received on 14th September 2023 that reporting would recommence. Coventry's BCF plan had been approved by Health and Wellbeing Board at the meeting of 26th July 2023 and confirmation of plan approval by NHS England was received on 20th September 2023.

The Q3 template was submitted on 9th February 2024 in line with the deadline. A requirement of the reporting is that it is approved by HWBB either in advance of submission or retrospectively dependent upon meeting dates. The future expectation is this level of reporting will continue on a quarterly basis and reports will be brought to HWBB as required for approval.

4 Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

The Board are recommended to retrospectively approve the Q3 reporting template.

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