

Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 03 June 2021

Staffordshire Better Care Fund (BCF)

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- a. Note that a 2020/21 BCF Section 75 Agreement has been approved and signed by the Council and Staffordshire CCGs.
- b. Note that the 2021/22 national BCF Policy Framework has not yet been published, however the Council and the CCGs will commence planning through the BCF Steering Group
- c. Note that the expectation is that the 2021/22 BCF Plan extends existing schemes with appropriate adjustments for inflation
- d. Delegate approval of 2021/22 BCF Plan to the Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs.
- e. Note that the Disabled Facilities Grant for 2021/22 will be passported to the District and Borough Councils as required by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Background

1. In August 2020, the Board noted that due to ongoing requirements to prioritise management of the Covid-19 pandemic, NHSE were not yet asking for BCF plans, and advised systems to assume BCF expenditure should continue on existing services as in 2019/20 in order to maintain capacity in community health and social care.
2. In October 2020, the Board noted that the 2020/21 BCF Policy Framework had still not yet been published, and the extension of existing schemes for 2020/21 was agreed. Approval of the 2020/21 BCF Plan was delegated to the Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs.

BCF 2020/21

3. In December 2020, NHSE confirmed that BCF Plans for 2020/21 were not required although systems were still required to meet the following national conditions:
 - a. Plans covering all mandatory funding contributions to be agreed by Health and Well-being Boards with minimum funding contributions included in a Section 75 agreement.
 - b. Contributions to social care from CCGs are agreed and meet or exceed the minimum expectation.
 - c. Expenditure on CCG commissioned out of hospital services meets or exceeds the minimum expectation.

- d. Local authorities and CCGs confirm compliance with the above conditions to their Health and Well-being Boards.
4. These national conditions have been met by the Council and the CCGs, and a 2020/21 Section 75 Agreement has been approved and signed by the Council and Staffordshire CCGs.
5. NHSE require an end of year report to be submitted, with information and data on scheme level expenditure that would normally be collected in BCF Plans. This is currently being completed.

BCF Funding 2020/21 and 2021/22

6. The 2020/21 BCF funding, and 2021/22 funding is shown in the table below. *To note, with the exception of the iBCF and DFG figures which has been confirmed, all other figures for 2021/22 are indicative currently.

FUNDING	2020/21 (£000's)	2021/22 (£000's)*
CCG cash transfers to SCC for social care services in support of the NHS - includes RNF transfers, carers and Care Act	21,743,309	22,967,361
CCG directly commissioned social care services in support of the NHS	130,310	136,886
iBCF (including winter pressures)	31,747,360	31,747,360
Social Care Total	53,620,979	54,714,721
Disabled Facilities Grant	10,005,367	10,005,367
CCG Aligned Funding (recurrent)	52,812,191	55,452,801
CCG Aligned Funding – New Schemes (non-recurrent)	3,204,000	n/a
Total BCF	119,642,538	120,172,889

BCF Planning for 2021/22

7. The Council and the CCGs will commence planning for the 2021/22 BCF through the Staffordshire BCF Steering Group, whilst we await the national Policy Framework and associated Planning Requirements to be published.
8. Given that we are already well into the first quarter of the year it is difficult to envisage material changes: the expectation therefore is that the 2021/22 BCF Plan extends existing schemes with appropriate adjustments for inflation
9. The Board is recommended to delegate approval of 2021/22 BCF Plan to the Health and Well-being Board Chairs. This will then inform a 2021/22 BCF Section 75 Agreement which will be approved and signed by the Council and Staffordshire CCGs.
10. The table below details Staffordshire's Disabled Facilities Grant funding for 2021/22 by district and borough. These will be passported to the relevant District and

Borough Councils as required by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

District	DFG Funding
Staffordshire Moorlands	£1,773,856
Newcastle under Lyme	£1,715,114
Stafford	£1,522,033
East Staffs	£1,160,392
South Staffs	£1,126,662
Lichfield	£1,109,194
Cannock Chase	£1,051,224
Tamworth	£546,890
Total	£10,005,367

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