

**Health and Wellbeing Board: Commissioning Sub-Committee
27 May 2021**

	Report for Resolution
Title:	2020/21 Better Care Fund Year-End Reporting Template
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Brief summary:	<p>The purpose of this report is to approve the Nottingham City Better Care Fund (BCF) 2020/21 year-end reporting template that was submitted to NHS England & Improvement on 24 May 2021.</p> <p>The template confirms the status of continued compliance against the requirements of the fund, including the final end of year spending position and provides information about challenges, achievements and support needs in progressing delivery.</p> <p>During the emergency response to COVID-19 there was no BCF planning guidance released for 2020-21. As a result, our 2019-20 BCF programme plan has continued unchanged into 2020-21.</p> <p>The template highlights achievements and challenges during the year. Notably, that COVID 19 placed significant pressures on our population and to the local health and care system. In response, our system governance and leadership was enhanced, particularly through the close alignment between all partners in the Local Resilience Forum (LFR) throughout the pandemic. This has led to a long term joint approach to supporting and managing quality and workforce issues in an integrated way for the home care and care home sectors.</p> <p>A joint approach to using data during COVID enabled us to identify our most vulnerable people requiring support, and has informed an integrated approach to providing support using a preventative approach going forward.</p> <p>Particular pressures were seen in acute hospital flow and increased waiting times for planned care. System leadership has also been demonstrated through the development of a</p>

shared Discharge to Assess (D2A) model, which includes innovative approaches to discharge pathways. There is an agreed model across health and social care, with a shared vision, scope and timeline, working to delivery of the shared model in October 2021.

Reporting

The 2020-21 Better Care Fund reporting requirements were paused during the emergency response to COVID-19. In recognition of the disruption and reduced resource caused by the pandemic, the resumed reporting requirements have been significantly reduced.

The requirements were set out to provide essential information relevant to accountability and delivery at the end of year 2020-21. Specifically, the reduced requirements were:

- National Conditions, which are:
 - (i) Agree plan and section 75 pooled fund;
 - (ii) CCG minimum contribution to social care is in line with BCF policy;
 - (iii) Agreed investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services;
 - (iv) CCG and LA confirmed compliance to the HWB;
- Income;
- Expenditure;
- Income & Expenditure: confirming the BCF allocation has been invested according to the plans;
- Year End Feedback: the key areas of progress and challenge in the last 12 months;
- iBCF: detail of payment to external social care providers

We are awaiting BCF planning guidance for 2021-22. In readiness for its release, we are reviewing our approach to programme areas and partnership governance arrangements for greater integration. This review will consider the positive progress made to establish system response during the pandemic and the direction of travel outlined in the NHS White Paper: 'Integration and Innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all', published in February 2021.

The report template was agreed for submission to NHS England on 24 May 2021 by the following representatives, subject to formal ratification at the Health and Wellbeing Board Commissioning Sub-Committee on 27 May 2021: Councillor Eunice Campbell-Clark (Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Schools)
Councillor Adele Williams (Portfolio Holder for Adults and

	Health) Sara Storey (Director of Adult Social Care, Nottingham City Council) Lucy Dadge (Chief Commissioning Officer, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group) Dr Manik Arora
Is any of the report exempt from publication?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is this an Executive decision?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board: Commissioning Sub-Committee:

To approve the submission of the 2020/21 Better Care Fund Year-End Template to NHS England & Improvement.

Contribution to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims and outcomes	Summary of contribution to the Strategy
Aim: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham and make us one of the healthiest big cities.	The 2020/21 BCF plan built on achievements to date to ensure joint prioritisation of resources, avoidance of duplication, flexibility across organisational boundaries and targeting investment to meet shared priorities by taking a whole system perspective.
Aim: To reduce inequalities in health by targeting the neighbourhoods with the lowest levels of healthy life expectancy.	
Outcome 1: Children and adults in Nottingham adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles.	The 20/21 Better Care Fund Plan key objectives were described as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove false divides between physical, psychological and social needs; • focus on the whole person, not the condition; • support citizens to thrive, creating independence - not dependence; • services tailored to need - hospital will be a place of choice, not a default; • not incur delays, people will be in the best place to meet their need;
Outcome 2: Children and adults in Nottingham will have positive mental wellbeing and those with long-term mental health problems will have good physical health.	
Outcome 3: There will be a healthy culture in Nottingham in which citizens are supported and empowered to live healthy lives and manage ill health well.	

<p>Outcome 4: Nottingham's environment will be sustainable – supporting and enabling its citizens to have good health and wellbeing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the vision is that care is integrated so that the citizen has no visibility of the organisations / different parts of the system delivering it; • people will only be in hospital if that is the best place – not because there is nowhere else to go; • new technologies will help people to self-care; • the workforce will be trained to offer more flexible care; • people will understand and access the right services in the right place at the right time.
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How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health

Mental health and wellbeing will need to be a core element of a truly integrated care model. Leadership to this agenda is provided by the Mental Health & Wellbeing Steering Group and consideration to giving equal value to mental and physical health is embedded within individual schemes.

This has been strengthened through the establishment and maturing of Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) in its ability to build further integration and joined up system working and delivery of holistic health and care.

Reason for the decision:	To seek formal approval of the 2020-21 BCF year-end template for submission to NHS England.
Total value of the decision:	None.
Financial implications and comments:	Not applicable.
Procurement implications and comments (including, where relevant, social value implications):	Not applicable.
Other implications and comments, including legal, risk management, crime and disorder:	Not applicable.
Equalities implications and comments:	Not applicable.
Published documents referred to in the report:	None.

Background papers relied upon in writing the report:	None.
Other options considered and rejected:	Not applicable.