

**Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board  
Commissioning Sub-Committee  
27 September 2023**

<b>Report Title:</b>	Better Care Fund 2023 - 2025 Better Care Fund Planning Requirements - retrospective approval
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<b>Other colleagues who have provided input:</b>	
<b>Subject to call-in:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No The decision cannot be subject to call-in because it is for retrospective approval
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Criteria for a Key Decision:</b>	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £750,000 or more, taking account of the overall impact of the decision <b>and/or</b> (b) Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Type of expenditure:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
<b>Total value of the decision:</b>	£107, 201, 731
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The purpose of this paper is to ratify the Nottingham City 2023 – 25 Better Care Fund planning requirements, which were submitted to NHS England on 28 June 2023.</li> <li>2. The paper provides a brief update to the Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee on the BCF Root and Branch Review and proposed next steps.</li> </ol>	
<b>Information</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The Better Care Fund (BCF) Planning requirements 2022 - 25 were released on 4 April 2023. Following sign-off by Katy Ball (Director of Commissioning and Procurement, Nottingham City Council) and Amanda Sullivan (Accountable Officer, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board), the Better Care Fund 2022/23 Planning Template, BCF Narrative Plan and BCF Capacity and Demand Templates were submitted to NHS England on 28 June 2023.</li> <li>4. For 2023-25, the BCF planning requirements include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Nottingham City BCF Planning template (Appendix 1)</li> <li>ii. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire BCF Narrative Plan (Appendix 2)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

5. The BCF National Conditions remain in place for 2023 - 25:
  - a) A jointly agreed plan from local health and social care commissioners signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board
  - b) Implementation of the BCF objectives
  - c) NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to ICB minimum contribution at a value of £29,089,765 for year 1 (2023/24) and £30,736,246 for year 2 (2024/25)
  - d) Invest in NHS commissioned out of hospital services meets the minimum contribution required of £8,266,486 for year 1 and £8,734,369 for year 2
6. This is the first time that systems have been asked to produce a two-year BCF plan. The 2023-25 national BCF objectives remain the same as the previous year and maintain the focus on addressing wider system and prevention outcomes through co-ordination of services. The 2023 - 25 BCF national objectives are:
  - i. Enable people to stay well, safe, and independent at home for longer
  - ii. Provide the right care in the right place at the right time
7. **The 2023 -25 BCF Planning Template** includes the updated national performance metrics with target setting rationale and plans to meet performance ambitions (Appendix 1 tab 7). The 2023-25 national BCF metrics are:
  - a. **Avoidable admissions:** Indirectly standardized rate of admissions per 100,000 population
  - b. **Falls:** Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over directly age standardized rate per 100,000.
  - c. **Discharge to usual place of residence:** Percentage of people, resident in the HWB, who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of residence.
  - d. **Residential admissions:** Long-term support needs of older people (age 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population.
  - e. **Reablement:** Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation services.
8. Commissioners from Nottingham City Council and the ICB jointly reviewed the target setting for BCF metrics. These are required for year 1 (2023/24) only and will be refreshed at year end. The rationale for target setting used national benchmarking and applied local improvement plans such as implementation of the anticipatory care model framework and the system agreement to continue to prioritise funding to resource 'pathway 1' reablement activity. A local Integrated Care System (ICS) BCF performance dashboard has been created to enable shared oversight of progress to reach targets.
9. The BCF Planning template (Appendix 1, tab 6a) provides detailed breakdown of expenditure against service areas. This includes spending for the two years covered by the plan (2023/24 and 2024/25). This includes the schemes which are funded through the Additional Discharge Funding specifically to support discharge from hospital. This funding was introduced mid-year in 2022-23 to support alleviating winter pressures and is now embedded as part of the BCF.
10. **The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire BCF Narrative Plan** (Appendix 2) describes how these services are commissioned and delivered to meet these objectives. The BCF narrative provides the ICS overview of the BCF plan, including how BCF programme align to our system priorities, transformation programmes and our

approach to integration and how this is underpinned by the ICS Collaborative Planning and Commissioning Framework.

11. The narrative plan demonstrates that the BCF is a key component of the ICS Integrated Care Strategy and how it supports delivery of the ICS vision. The narrative plan themes our BCF plans and services across three priority areas:

- a) **Prevention and early intervention services:** e.g., integration of lifestyle reaching health inclusion services with health and care pathways;
- b) **Proactive Care** e.g., integration of MDT case management and development of PCN Neighbourhood teams, outcome and impact monitoring and our ability to plan demand and capacity for admission avoidance;
- c) **Discharge to assess services:** integration of housing support, adaptation and temporary accommodation, ability to meet complexity of need at home (Pathway 1).

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee is now asked to formally approve the submitted planning templates and narrative plan in line with the statutory Better Care Fund governance requirements.

### Local BCF Review

13. A collective strategic review of the existing BCF plans was undertaken by the ICB and Local Authorities between May and August 2022. The review has been undertaken in three phases which are detailed below:

- Phase 1: shared clarity, understanding and forward plan for BCF between ICB and Local Authorities
- Phase 2: analysis of existing BCF scope under three key themes; prevention, proactive care and discharge to assess to identify opportunities for integration
- Phase 3: stakeholder workshops to agree approach to deliver the collaborative opportunities identified

14. The findings and recommendations of phases 1 and 2 of the BCF review have now concluded and will be reviewed by Nottingham City HWB in November 2023. Phase 3 is now in train and the ICB, County Council and City Council are continuing to collaborate to take forwards the recommendations of the review and finalise the priority areas for further integration, with leadership provided by the Collaborative Commissioning Oversight Group. This will be progressed with considerable stakeholder engagement across Health and Wellbeing Board members, commissioning and provider organisations and Place Based Partnerships. This will be galvanised through two workshops to take place during October and November 2023.

**Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication?**

No

**Recommendation(s):**

The Committee is asked to approve the 2023 – 2025 Better Care Fund Planning Requirements

### The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

**Aims and Priorities**

**How the recommendation(s) contribute to meeting the Aims and Priorities:**

<p><b>Aim 1:</b> To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham through addressing the wider determinants of health and enabling people to make healthy decisions</p>	<p>The priorities for 2023 - 25 build on our progress to date and reflecting system transformation priorities.</p>
<p><b>Aim 2:</b> To reduce health inequalities by having a proportionately greater focus where change is most needed</p>	<p>The BCF continues to support a joined-up approach to integration across health, care, housing and other agencies such as the voluntary sector to support people to live independently at home.</p>
<p><b>Priority 1:</b> Smoking and Tobacco Control</p>	
<p><b>Priority 2:</b> Eating and Moving for Good Health</p>	<p>The BCF funding has been used to deliver a wide range of services and new functionality that support integrated approaches e.g. integrated care teams, sharing data across organisational boundaries, integrated approaches to hospital discharge.</p>
<p><b>Priority 3:</b> Severe Multiple Disadvantage</p>	
<p><b>Priority 4:</b> Financial Wellbeing</p>	<p>The development of our Collaborative Commissioning and Planning Framework have underpinned the view that the BCF will become a key driver for transformation and integration. During 2023/24 we will build on the recommendations of the ‘root and branch’ commissioning review of the services and contracts that form our BCF plans. This will consider how future BCF plans and approaches to commissioning can better enable Place Based Partnerships and Neighbourhoods to develop and deliver community-facing integrated care, joining up community services across sectors and working with community leaders.</p>
<p><b>How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board’s aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health:</b></p> <p>The schemes and services that form the Better Care Fund plan include care coordination and multi-disciplinary health and care planning. This should include meeting mental health needs as part of proactive care pathways and hospital discharge planning.</p> <p>This has been strengthened by the maturing Place Based Partnership (PBP) in its ability to build further integration and joined up system working and delivery of holistic health and care.</p>	
<p><b>Reasons for the decision</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The report template was agreed for submission to NHSE by the following, subject to formal ratification at the Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board on the 28 June 2023.</li> <li>b. Subsequently, the Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee is asked to formally ratify the templates. The Nottingham City 2023 - 25 Better Care Fund planning template submission is shown in full at <b>Appendix 1</b>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Other options considered and rejected</b> None – submission is a requirement</p>	

**Risk implications**

Not applicable

**Financial implications**

There are minimal financial changes as result of the plan, schemes and commissioning are largely continuation of the previous years.

**Procurement implications**

Not applicable

**Equalities implications**

Equality Impact Assessments are completed by the appropriate commissioning organisation as part of the implementation of new services or significant changes to existing services. The 2023 - 25 BCF Narrative Plan (Appendix 2) includes further information about the approach to equality and addressing health inequalities.

**Any further implications**

Not applicable

**List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)**

[PRN00315-better-care-fund-planning-requirements-2023-25.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

**Published documents referred to in this report**

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