

**Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board
Commissioning Sub-Committee
24th January 2024**

Report Title:	The Better Care Fund Root and Branch Review Next Steps
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Subject to call-in: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Key Decision: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Criteria for a Key Decision:	
(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 and/or	
(b) Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Type of expenditure: <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital	
Total value of the decision:	N/A
Executive Summary:	
Root and Branch Review 2022 and 2023	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The findings of the BCF Root and Branch Review were presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) meeting held on November 29th. The review found that BCF schemes and services align with the evidence base and there is an assumed benefit to system outcomes on this basis. However, monitoring of services is mostly activity based and there is not currently the ability to track or understand the impact of multiple services on the outcomes of the individual. The information provided to the review was sufficient to understand the potential for integration but not to review contract 	

or service level performance. This information is not currently held jointly between the ICB and LA.

- The BCF review highlighted that a deep dive phase would be necessary to undertake collaborative service level reviews (City BCF Review Phase 3 – Appendix A).
- It was proposed to hold a Better Care Fund development workshop with the aim of discussing the identified integration priorities in more detail.

Approach and next steps

- A small working group has met to discuss how to take approach a joint deep dive into the identified service areas. The group reflected that approaching this work would need to factor in both the Council and ICB existing priorities, commissioning intentions and resource available to undertake the work across commissioning, finance and data teams.
- The group agreed the collaborative deep dive needed to align with existing work to join up care and support around the individual in the Community Transformation and Discharge to Assess programmes. This includes understanding current contracts and service specifications.
- The group highlighted that further consideration to appropriate governance to support collaborative planning to across PBP, Provider (including VCSE) and the existing community transformation programme. This includes the role of the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee.
- Therefore, in order to support a rich discussion with HWB, further joint work will be undertaken to review the totality of spend and impact of individual services, which contribute to BCF schemes. This review process may result in the workshop being scheduled for a later date than initially anticipated.

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

No

Recommendation(s): The Sub-Committee is asked to:

1. Endorse the approach of the BCF Review Phase 3 being progressed through the collaborative deep dives focused on community transformation and discharge to assess with a scoping document to be developed.
2. Consider the role of the Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee in oversight of the review, which will also include a review of the current Terms of Reference (Appendix B).

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Aims and Priorities	How the recommendation(s) contribute to meeting the Aims and Priorities:
Aim 1: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham through addressing the wider determinants of health and enabling people to make healthy decisions	BCF delivery reflects system transformation priorities, with a focus on supporting discharge from hospital. 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.
Aim 2: To reduce health inequalities by having a proportionately greater focus where change is most needed	
Priority 1: Smoking and Tobacco Control	
Priority 2: Eating and Moving for Good Health	
Priority 3: Severe Multiple Disadvantage	
Priority 4: Financial Wellbeing	
<p>How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health:</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>	

1. Reasons for the decision

- 1.1 To ensure the Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board Commissioning Sub-Committee has oversight of the Better Care Fund and can discharge its national obligations.

2. Other options considered and rejected

- 2.1 N/A

3. Risk implications

- 3.1 N/A

4. Financial implications

4.1 N/A

5. Legal implications

5.1 N/A

6. Procurement implications

6.1 N/A

7. Equalities implications

7.1 N/A

8. Any further implications

8.1 N/A

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

9.1 BCF Root and Branch Review City HWB 29.11.23

10. Published documents referred to in this report

10.1 N/A