

Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report Title:	Better Care Fund – Governance Changes
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Executive Summary:	
<p>The Better Care Fund (BCF) was established in 2015 to pool budgets between the NHS and local authorities, aiming to reduce the barriers often created by separate funding streams. The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for approving the BCF Plan, which sets out how the Fund will be used, and overseeing delivery. In previous years the Board has established a Sub-Committee to act as the Programme Board. The need for, and operation of this Sub-Committee has been reviewed and, based on the findings of that review, it is proposed that the Sub-Committee is discontinued and that all functions relating to the BCF that are the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board are carried out directly by the Board. If the Board agrees with this approach, it is recommended that the Board put in place a delegation to enable any urgent decisions required before the next meeting of the Board to be taken; and the terms of reference for the Board will be amended to clarify its role. The terms of reference for the Board can only be amended by Council but the Board is asked to make any comments on the proposed amendment.</p>	
Recommendation(s):	
<p>The Board is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) discontinue the Health and Wellbeing Board Commissioning Sub Committee and confirm that all functions relating to the Better Care Fund that are the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be carried out directly by the Board; 2) delegate to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, subject to agreement from the Nottingham City Council’s Corporate Director with responsibility for adult social care and an Executive Director of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board, to take urgent decisions necessary to discharge the Board’s functions in relation to the Better Care Fund subject to 	

there being clear reasons why the decision is urgent and cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting of the Board. Decisions taken under this delegation will be reported, along with the reason for urgency, to the next Health and Wellbeing Board meeting; and

- 3) comment on the proposal to amend the Health and Wellbeing Board’s Terms of Reference to “agree and oversee delivery of the Better Care Fund, including discharge of all functions that are the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in the Section 75 Agreement.”

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	The recommendations support more efficient and effective discharge of the Board’s responsibilities in relation to the BCF.
Aim 2: To reduce health inequalities by having a proportionately greater focus where change is most needed	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.
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: The recommendations support more efficient and effective discharge of the Board’s responsibilities in relation to the BCF. The schemes and services that form the BCF plan include care co-ordination 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>	

List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not

Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement between Nottingham City Council and

including published documents or confidential or exempt information)	NHS Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Integrated Care Board
Published documents referred to in this report	Article 9 Council (Non Executive) Functions and Committees of the Nottingham City Council Constitution