

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD COMMISSIONING SUB-COMMITTEE -
20th JANUARY 2016

Title of paper:	Draft 2016/17 Better Care Fund Plan	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Total value of the decision:	£25,845,000	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority:		
Healthy Nottingham - Preventing alcohol misuse		<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated care - Supporting older people		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Early Intervention - Improving mental health		<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing culture and systems - Priority Families		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users and contribution to improving health & wellbeing and reducing inequalities):		
<p>This report presents details of draft financial elements of the 16/17 Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for approval ahead of submission to NHS England</p>		
Exempt information:		
<p>Elements of the report will be exempt from publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons (including the authority holding that information) and, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information as it contains information relating to the negotiation of service budgets</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Committee approves the draft budget for the 2016/17 BCF Plan for submission to NHS England	
2	Committee notes that a further report to approve the final BCF Plan submission will be presented to Committee at a later stage	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 NHS England requires submission of a draft 2016/17 Plan focussing on the financial aspects of the Plan by 8th February 2016. This report provides Committee with the opportunity to consider these proposals ahead of the submission date

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) provided for £3.8 billion worth of funding nationally (23.297m Nottingham City) in 2015/16 to be spent locally on health and care to drive closer integration and improve outcomes for patients and service users and carers.
- 2.2 The Nottingham 2015/16 BCF Plan totalled £25.845m and included additional contributions from Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Council. The Plan was approved without conditions by NHS England (NHSE) and rated in the top three plans nationwide
- 2.3 The Comprehensive Spending Review (25 November 2015) confirmed that the BCF will continue into 2016-17 with a mandated minimum of £3.9 billion to be deployed locally on health and social care through pooled budget arrangements between local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups
- 2.4 NHSE have indicated that the process for the development and assurance/approval of local Better Care Fund plans in 2016-17 will be more streamlined and better integrated into the business-as-usual planning processes for Health and Wellbeing Boards, Clinical Commissioning Groups and local authorities. In keeping with this approach, the BCF planning guidance will be issued directly to Councils and as an annex to the NHS technical planning guidance, which will be published on NHSE's website in early January 2016.
- 2.5 The first draft submission of the 2016/17 BCF Plan is required by the 8th February. NHSE have acknowledged the tight timescales involved in the submission and, as such, it is expected that this first draft submission will be high-level, focused around the finances and core principles, while providing sufficient detail to support Councils' budget setting processes. The detailed requirements for submissions and the exact timings for the March and April resubmissions will be confirmed in the guidance.
- 2.6 Following this guidance this report focuses on the proposed financial aspects of the 2016/17 Plan. Given the status of Nottingham's 2016/17 Plan and current good progress with Integrated Adult Care in the City it is anticipated that the core principles of the BCF Plan will carry forward from 2015/16. This will be reviewed, however, once formal guidance is received and the final 2016/17 BCF Plan will be tabled at a March meeting of Committee
- 2.7 The financial plan for the 2016/17 BCF Plan is broadly similar to that of 2015/16. The Exempt Appendix details the variance between schemes contained within the 15/16 Plan and the proposed 16/17 Plan. Additional schemes for inclusion in the Plan have been identified based on ongoing analysis of the delivery of key BCF performance metrics and progress of the Integrated Adult Care programme. These include:
- Community Psychiatric Nurses in Neighbourhood Teams
 - Older People Independent Living Support Service
 - Older person Home Safety and Improvement Service
 - Seven Day Services in Rapid Response and Hospital Discharge

- CDG Assessor posts
- Primary Carers Service
- Information and Advice support posts

2.8 Formal consultation will be undertaken on the 2016/17 BCF Plan through the mechanism of the Health and Well-being Board with specific engagement with Nottingham University Hospitals. This will take place on production of the full draft plan once formal BCF guidance has been received from NHSE

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 **A wholesale review of BCF schemes:** This option has been rejected as, in general, good progress is being made in delivery BCF objectives and the delivery of the Integrated Adult Care programme. Evolution of current schemes is viewed as the more appropriate and proportionate option

4. FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 **Table 1** below shows the 2015/16 and 2016/17 allocation and indicative value of the pooled fund. This reflects the published CCG minimum contribution allocation and maintains the overall pooled fund at 2015/16 levels. Funding levels will be reviewed once the full planning guidance has been published and funding decisions have been through both organisations' budget planning processes.

TABLE 1 - BCF PLAN VALUES		
Scheme	2015/16 Allocation £m	2016/17 Indicative Allocation £m
CCG Minimum Contribution	21.421	21.505
Capital Grant Allocation *	1.876	1.876
Sub Total (Minimum Contribution)	23.297	23.381
Additional Contribution to Pooled Fund – CCG	1.832	1.748
Additional Contribution to Pooled Fund – City Council	0.716	0.716
Total	25.845	25.845

* Confirmation of the capital grant allocations paid directly to the local authority are outstanding and therefore these amounts have been retained at 2015/16 levels.

4.3 The draft 2016/17 Better Care Fund Financial Plan is detailed in Exempt Appendix 1. This currently totals £26.118m, **£0.273m** over the funding available as detailed in Table 1 above.

Options to meet the funding shortfall are:

- Undertake a further review of schemes to align the total 2016/17 allocation to the funding available.
- Fund the 2016/17 shortfall through the carry forward of underspends within the pooled fund from the current financial year. The underspend is currently forecast

to be between £0.492m and £0.852m depending on the achievement of the Pay for Performance target for non-elective admissions.

Within the draft 2016/17 plan, all schemes reflect the full year cost of the service with the exception of the '7 Day Working for the Hospital Discharge Team and Rapid Response Services' proposal whereby only 6 months costs have been included. Based on current levels of BCF funding and scheme allocations this would result in a 2017/18 over commitment of £0.614m. Consideration will need to be given to the mitigation of this shortfall.

- 4.4 A further report will be presented to Committee at a later stage to approve the final BCF Plan including the option for funding the shortfall in 2016/17 if required.
- 4.5 Approval to spend the allocations contained within the 2016/17 BCF Financial Plan will align to each organisation's governance arrangements.

5. **LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)**

- 5.1 This report does not raise significant legal issues.

6. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 6.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because:

An EIA will be undertaken on production of the full 2016/17 BCF Plan

Yes



Attached as Appendix x, and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

7. **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

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8. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

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