

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD COMMISSIONING SUB-COMMITTEE -
16th March 2016

Title of paper:	BCF New Schemes and Underspend Proposals	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Total value of the decision:	£2,297,036	
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):		
The paper sets out the proposals in relations to new schemes within the 2016/17 Better Care Fund (BCF) and sets out the proposed schemes in relation to the carry forward of money from the 2015/16 BCF.		
Exempt Information:		
Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 are 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 organisations involved in delivered services to the council. Having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Commissioning Sub-committee approves the inclusion of the additional schemes in the 2016/17 BCF as detailed in Exempt Appendix 1	

2	Commissioning Sub-committee approve proposals for utilisation of 2015/16 BCF underspend as detailed in Exempt Appendix 2 and commit funds for this purpose totalling £903,565.
3	Commissioning Sub-committee approve proposals for the extension of the Mental Health Resettlement Service for up to 18 months. To dispense with Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) and to enable a direct award in order to allow for a joint review of mental health pathways to take place between the NCC and the CCG.
4	Commissioning Sub-Committee approve proposals for the extension of the Sixty Plus Independent Living Support Service (ILSS) for up to 3 years.
<p>How will these recommendations champion mental health and wellbeing in line with the Health and Wellbeing Board aspiration to give equal value to mental health and physical health ('parity of esteem'):</p> <p>These recommendations support the continued funding of the Mental Health Resettlement Service to support improved mental health pathways.</p>	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 A number of new schemes have been identified for inclusion within the 2016/17 BCF. The schemes have been identified in line with the new technical guidance to support integration in line with the nationally agreed metrics.
- 1.2 There is identified underspend against agreed 2015-16 BCF funding. These proposals will support delivery of BCF metrics, further integration of Health and Social Care provision in the City and improve outcomes for vulnerable older citizens and those with long-term conditions.
- 1.3 The contract for the Mental Health Resettlement Service pilot ends the 31st March 2016. A contract extension of up to 18 months is requested in order to undertake a review of mental health pathways and to align this with the re-commissioning of other mental health provision.
- 1.4 The contract for the 60 Plus ILSS is due to expire on the 30th June 2016 and whilst there is contractual permission to extend for a further three years, the financial permission is not in place.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The technical guidance for the 2016/17 BCF has now been issued and the first submission is now due on Wednesday 2nd March. The final submission is due on 25th April.
- 2.2 The Better Care Fund Allocations were made available on the 10th February 2016. In addition to the minimum contribution, the CCG has agreed an additional £1.748 million.

	Gross Contribution
Total Local Authority Contribution	£2,604,709
Total Minimum CCG Contribution	£21,504,692
Total Additional CCG Contribution	£1,748,000
Total BCF pooled budget for 2016-17	£25,857,401

The BCF includes £1.869m from the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG). This represents a change from the previous allocation as the Social Care Grant has now been ended and that the value of the DFG has increased accordingly. There is also a requirement that the element of the BCF that meets the requirement to provide NHS Out of hospital commissioned services should not fall below £6.111 million.

- 2.3 This report identifies the new schemes for inclusion in the Plan. These have been identified based on on-going analysis of the delivery of key BCF performance metrics and progress of the Integrated Adult Care programme. These include:
- 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
 - Access and Navigation Pilot
 - Looking After Each Other Pilot

More details on these services is available in Exempt Appendix 1.

- 2.4 In addition the report includes the proposals for the utilisation of the under spend that is being carried forward from the 2015/16 fund. Underspend proposals are also targeted to support the performance metrics and to promote integration. The Temporary Assessment Project Team is a pilot to develop new ways of working.

The Sixty Plus Homeless Independent Living Support Service supports older people to live independently in their own homes. There is an on-going need for this service. The future funding of this service will need to be reviewed alongside all other services identified within the BCF to identify resources required in future years.

The Hospital Discharge Team additional temporary post proposals addresses the current shortfall in capacity of the Hospital Discharge Team through the provision of four additional posts.

More details on these services is available in Exempt Appendix 2.

- 2.5 The Mental Health Resettlement Service Contract is due to expire on the 31st March. The service was commissioned from 1st April 2013 as a pilot project to allow for the evaluation of a model of short-term supported accommodation (with stays up to 24 weeks) available to vulnerable adults leaving inpatient mental health services, designed to support their timely discharge and safe return to more independent living arrangements within the community. The service provides a total of 13 bed spaces. Performance monitoring and feedback from key stakeholders suggests that the service is performing well. Permission is sought to extend the contract for a further 18 months in order to allow for the wider consideration of services (including similar supported accommodation options) available to adults with mental health difficulties living in the City. This requires dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) to enable a direct award in order to allow for a joint review of mental health pathways to take place between the NCC and the CCG. The Chief Finance Officer (Nottingham City Council) has been consulted on and approved the dispensation. For further details of the contract value see Exempt Appendix 3.

- 2.6 The Sixty Plus Service has newly been included within the BCF Underspend Proposals. For a detailed description, see Appendix 2. The service supports the frail

elderly to stay in their accommodation. The service was commissioned alongside a wide range of housing support services as part of the Independent Living Support Services Framework. The contract for this service is due to expire on 30th June 2016. The current framework expires in December 2016 but under the current framework it is possible to extend the current service for up to three years until 30th June 2019. Although the underspend monies are only available for one year, there is commitment to review the money for this service on an equal footing with all other BCF expenditure. It is therefore proposed permission is granted to extend this contract for up to three years but to make clear that this extension will be subject to funding availability and that the contract will be terminated if no further funding is available.

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 See attached Exempt Appendix 4 for finance comments.

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

- 5.1 The Mental Health Resettlement contract referred to in recommendation 3 is to be extended for a period of 18 months. This is the first extension of the contract. There is no option to extend however the value of the extension is below the applicable light touch financial threshold. As the contract was previously awarded as a 'Part B' contract when contract value was not a determining factor it is not considered necessary that the value of the contract extension should be aggregated with the preceding years. On that basis the extension is a permissible direct award.

The extension to the Sixty Plus service referred to in recommendation 4 is in accordance with an option under the contract.

Joint legal and procurement comments - Kate Lowman Procurement Lead Officer and Andrew James Team Leader (Contracts and Commercial)

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

No

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An EIA is not required because:

- The schemes identified do not significantly differ from those identified in 2015/16.
- The new schemes that are identified have been previously funded from other sources
- The extended services will provide continuation of provision

(Please explain why an EIA is not necessary)

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

7.1 Not applicable

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

8.1 BCF Technical Guidance
Draft 2016/17 Better Care Fund Plan HWBCSC 20th January 2016