

Better Care Fund Report

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Judith Westcott – Senior Commissioning Manager



Background

BCF is a joint fund made up of contributions from B&NES Council, BSW Clinical Commissioning Group and central government allocations. HWB board act as the decision making body for the Better Care Fund



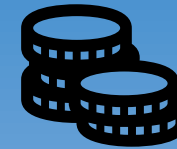
2021/22 BCF Policy Framework

The 2021/22 Policy Framework was published on 19th August and remains largely unchanged from 2020/21, but the government does recognise that upcoming changes may impact on longer term planning



New BCF Funding Applications

The below funding applications have been provisionally approved by the Locality Commissioning Group (LCG) and require formal ratification from the Health and Wellbeing Board.



Repurposing of Quarter 1 underspend

Following a number of emergency calls to review key pressures across the Health and Care system, a number of measures have been proposed to support flow and ensure that people are able to leave acute settings & be supported in their community where possible.

Participation and Engagement - £62,000

A project aiming to re engage with communities to help review, develop and monitor adult social care and health activity.

Direct Payment and Personal Health Budget Development Officer - £40,000

One 'Direct Payment and Personal Health Budget Development Officer' role is being made available to improve the offer and increase the uptake of Direct Payments and Personal Health Budgets.

Wellbeing Representatives (Third Sector Reablement Representatives) - £216,000

Funding for 6x wellbeing navigator roles to support people leaving hospital to ensure 3rd sector, strengths-based support, and re-integration into community to support people staying in their own homes

Occupational Therapy Support to Disabled Facilities Grant Backlog - £60,000

Funding for an additional Occupational Therapist to respond to the backlog of adaptations made to properties during Covid lockdowns, and also to support independence at home.

Recruitment – Costs TBC

RUH to lead on recruitment to expedite existing plans for locality in-house home care & bank

Care Hours - £160,000

Exploring potential of a further block contract of up to 200 care hours per week

Live in Care - £175,000

Exploring and additional pilot around live in care

Westin Care Home beds with RUH - £484,000

1x care home has 8-17 beds available that could be used as Pathway 1 Discharge to Assess beds through a combination of block and spot funding and could be available immediately.

Third Sector Support – No additional Cost

Reviewing existing Third Sector Support to confirm if any additional capacity is available.

Complex Discharge & Health Assessment Support - £29,000

Additional post to support assessments at discharge.

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Underspend in 2021/22 Quarter 1

A number of BCF funded schemes have underspend against their projections for the first quarter of 2021/22. The locality Commissioning Group has agreed that underspend should be re-purposed to support other projects.

- ☐ Re-purposing the money that has not been spent, will allow £926,466 of BCF funding to become available to assist with other projects that meet BCF objectives.
- ☐ In order to minimise impact on existing schemes that have underspent, we propose that each of these schemes are extended in to 2022/23 without having to submit a new tender.
- ☐ A total of £573,617 of uncommitted iBCF funds is also available to support new schemes, after commitments to the new funding request that are outlined on the previous slide.

Funding Source				
iBCF	BCF	Total	Uncommitted Funds (iBCF)	Overall Total
£884,195	£42,271	£926,466	£573,617	£1,500,083



Health and Wellbeing Board Decisions

Based on the information within the paper submission, and the overview given to the board by Judith Westcott , the board are requested to approve the following:

- ☐ Approve the recommendation to repurpose some Better Care Fund funding from quarter one scheme underspend.
- ☐ Ratify the Locality Commissioning Group approved Better Care Fund funding applications.
- ☐ Ratify the repurposing of some of the Better Care Fund funding to support a number of actions from the emergency meetings to review key pressures across the Health and Care System.