

Better Care Fund Report

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Objective of this Update



- Outline the Better Care Fund 2021/22 Narrative Plan and to seek Health and Wellbeing Board approval.
- Request Health and Wellbeing board approval for 2x new Better Care Fund project funding applications.



Narrative Plan Requirements

- October announcement that all localities must submit a Narrative Plan for the Better Care Fund.
- Submission deadline **16th November**
- Plan must be approved by Health and Wellbeing board.

Overview

- Strong focus on urgent care and flow improvements, drawing on the impact of BCF funded projects on flow improvements.
- Demonstrates how the BCF is helping adults to live more independent lives.
- Shows the commitment to development of the ICA priorities.
- Plan has been prepared in collaboration with BANES/CCG.

Governance

- Outlines that LCG are an advisory body to Health and Wellbeing board.
- Details the funding application process & reporting requirements

Scheme monitoring and Governance

- Managed through collaboration between BANES & CCG
- New monitoring tools under development to provide more robust controls & oversight.

Approach to Integration

- Outlines the interactions between CCG and BANES and operational structures that form the working framework.
- Articulates the make up of the LCG as a sub committee of the CCG Governing body.

National Conditions

- Explains how the overarching national conditions have been met, touching on:
 - Disabled Facilities Grant
 - Contribution to adult social care from the CCG
 - CCG commissioned out of hospital services
 - Supporting discharge

COVID-19 Recovery

- Evidences a number of BCF funded projects that aim to aid recovery in adult health and social care services following the outbreak of COVID-19:
 - Intermediate Care Team
 - Care home beds with RUH, Bath
 - Occupational Therapy Support for DFG's
 - Dynamic Home Care
 - Block Care Hours
 - Others

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Decision Point

- Health and Wellbeing Board approval of the plan is requested.
- A draft version of the plan was submitted to the Better Care Fund national team on the submission deadline (16th November) on the caveat that the Health and Wellbeing board meeting would not take place until 30th November.
- The plan will not be assured by the Better Care Fund until approval from the Health and Wellbeing Board has been secured.



New Funding Applications

The following projects have requested funding support from the Better Care Fund and have received backing from the Locality Commissioning Group on November 4th. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to ratify this approval.

Trusted Assessor (Existing BCF Scheme)

- Existing BCF scheme seeking additional funding.
- Based on forecast and known costs, scheme is expecting to overspend in 2021/22.
- An additional **£31,334.60** is requested. Extra funding will:
 - Fund the existing trusted assessor post (post already filled)
 - Support a dual Trusted assessor and Complex Case Coordinator role
 - Create a new role for a Health Assessor to look at cases that need to be reviewed/challenged regarding CHC or need a clear health input into their care support plan.



In House Home Care

Currently a shortage of 1400 hours of home care per week in the Brokerage backlog at B&NES.



- Staff shortages caused by COVID-19, Brexit and higher wages in other sectors
- In-house home care service could help to address this backlog.
- Requirement for 2 FTE - a care coordinator, and an administrator would be required to support the overall running of the project.
- Funding request for **£80,000** per annum for **two years** with a total commitment of **£160,000** to cover two years of practice.

Decision Point

- Both funding applications were presented to & approved by the LCG (4th November).
- Health and Wellbeing Board are requested to formally ratify the LCG approval of funding.