

B&NES Better Care Fund Update

Health and Wellbeing Board

March 2022



BCF Programme Updates

2022/23 Planning

The BCF Policy Framework and Planning requirements for 2022/23 was expected to be published in March – this has now been delayed to May.

What to Expect

- There is likely to be a balance between discharge and the broader objectives of BCF in terms of prioritisation of spending commitments for 2022/23.
- Metrics: Length of Stay metric is currently **not** included in draft metrics list, but high potential for this to change due to Senior NHS and Treasury focus.
- Discharge to Usual Place of Residence metric to remain for 2022/23.
- New requirement: Compulsory capacity and demand planning-no detail yet and still being discussed. Submission of demand and capacity plan would be on a different timeline to BCF Plan assurance-likely to be late Summer, Autumn '22
- 2022/23 funding allocations have not yet been published

Next Steps

Despite not yet knowing the 2022/23 uplifts, we do anticipate that there will be a small pot of uncommitted funding that can be used to support new projects:

2022/23 Distribution	Values
BCF Total (expected minimum)	£70,017,278
Block Contract Commitments	£66,075,436
Measured Scheme Commitments	£2,300,140
Uncommitted Funds	£1,641,702

- New applications have been on hold pending publication of the 22/23 guidance.
- All scheme leads stakeholders will be invited to submit new project applications – deadline for submissions will be mid April.
- All applications will then be assessed against BCF criteria and expected priorities for 22/23.
- Projects that support the Social Care Reform and Flow are expected to have a greater chance of success.
- All projects must be able to demonstrate reporting capabilities and KPI's
- At least 2 other parties should have reviewed and noted their support of the initiative before submission to ensure that parties are aligned.
- A series of workshops will be scheduled with stakeholders to discuss plans and application submission requirements.

New Funding Application

- Health and Wellbeing board was postponed on 25th January 2022
 - Offline approvals were secured for a new BCF funding application for Community Equipment Transition HR Support (£12.5k) that was approved (offline) by LCG in December.
 - Funding will pay for additional HR support throughout a 12 month period to oversee the TUPE process as members of staff transition from Sirona Care and Health CIC to the Council..
 - Additional support will ensure that all elements of the staff transfer process are completed in line with legislation and ensure that the service is appropriately staffed for mobilisation on 1 October 2022.

Scheme Number	Scheme Name	New/Existing Scheme	Details	Amount Requested	Total Value	Term
66	Community Equipment Transition HR Support	New	Community equipment is an enabler and helps individuals to remain in their usual place of residence and retain their independence. Additional HR support is required for 12 months to support a period of transition to bring this service in house. Staff members from Sirona Care and Health CIC will TUPE accross to B&NES council, & additional HR support is required to oversee the TUPE process. This will ensure that all elements of the staff transfer process is completed inline with legislation and that the service is staffed and ready to mobilise on 1st October 2022.	£12,500	£12,500	12 Months

Decision Point

Health and Wellbeing board are asked to formally ratify the offline approvals that were secured in December to allow £12.5k of BCF funding to be committed for 1 year to support the required recruitment.