

**BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2019-20**

**To:** Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board Core Joint Sub-Committee

**Meeting Date:** 24 September 2019

**From:** Will Patten, Head of Commissioning

**Recommendations:** The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board Core Joint Sub-Committee is recommended to:

- a) Read this report on the BCF Plan Submission for 2019-20 and attached document and spreadsheets.
- b) Approve the plan in order for NHS England submission deadlines to be met.

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## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under the terms of the Better Care Fund, jointly invested by the NHS (CCG) and Local Authorities, the Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory duty to submit agreed plans for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. For this purpose, it is requested that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board Core Joint Sub-Committee sign-off on these plans in order for submission to NHS England by 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

## 2 PURPOSE

- 2.1 What do the planning guidelines mean?

NHS England BCF Planning Guidance for 2019-20 was only released at the end of July, building on the Policy Framework released on 10th April 2019 by the Department of Health and Social Care and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The guidelines clarified that this was to be a one-year planning cycle, following on from the two-year plan for 2017-19 with very few changes. There has been a slight upturn in the level of investment, all of which aims to join-up health and care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing, and live independently in their communities for as long as possible. The CCG minimum uplift equated to an additional 4.5% (£1.7m) for Cambridgeshire and 6.7% (£769k) for Peterborough.

The full allocations are outlined in the below table:

	Cambridgeshire			Peterborough		
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
CCG Minimum Revenue Contribution*	£36,293,733	£36,983,314	£38,651,879	£11,287,227	£11,501,684	£12,270,498
Disabled Facilities Grant	£3,809,721	£4,140,576	£4,467,928	£1,675,081	£1,826,575	£1,970,984
Improved Better Care Fund - LGA Settlement Monies	£0	£4,091,272	£9,127,379	£353,686	£2,985,866	£5,345,090
Improved Better Care Fund - Spring Budget Monies	£8,339,311	£6,567,000	£3,273,842	£3,523,000	£2,260,000	£1,121,186
Hancock Winter Monies	£0	£0	£2,324,056	£0	£0	£793,661
<b>TOTAL BCF POOLED BUDGET</b>	<b>£48,442,765</b>	<b>£51,782,162</b>	<b>£57,845,084</b>	<b>£16,838,994</b>	<b>£18,574,125</b>	<b>£21,501,419</b>

- 2.2 Since the deadline for submission to NHS England of final, jointly-agreed plans for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019, we must gain approval from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board Core Joint Sub-Committee prior to submission.

What are the elements of the BCF Plan 2019-20?

“The Government is committed to the aim of person-centred integrated care, with health, social care, housing and other public services working seamlessly together to provide better care. This type of integrated care is the key to strong, sustainable local health and care systems which prevent ill-health (where possible) and the need for care, and avoid unnecessary hospital admissions. It also ensures that people receive high-quality care and support in the community. For people who need both health and social care services, this means only having to tell their story once and getting a clear and comprehensive assessment of all their needs with plans put in place to support them. This means they get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.” (*BCF Policy Framework, April 2019*)

In 2019-20, the BCF Plan will include the following funding elements:

- Minimum NHS (Clinical Commissioning Groups) contribution
- Disabled Facilities Grant (capital funding for adaptations to houses)
- Grant allocation for adult social care (improved Better Care Fund).
- Winter Pressures grant funding

2.3 It should be noted that there have been few changes to the proposed investment since the 2017-2019 plan, but rather a refreshment of metrics, finances and alignment with local plans, including HWB strategic priorities.

2.4 The CCG have advised that they intend to withdraw the performance fund element of the BCF. The performance fund equates to £429k in Peterborough and £825k in Cambridgeshire and is payable into the pooled budget on achieving the local non-elective admissions target. The BCF does not mandate the need for a performance fund/risk share and the CCG is proposing repurposing this investment into community health provision, to support delivery of the non-elective admissions target and in line with the NHS Long Term Plan. The local authorities have highlighted the potential consequences of this, including the dis-incentivising of the local authorities to jointly deliver and contribute to this target.

2.5 What do we need from this Sub-Committee?

Approval is sought for the proposed investments in the areas outlined in both the attached spreadsheets detailing plans for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (provided separately) as well as the Strategic Narrative which is common to both Local Authority Areas (attached). For ease of analysis and handling, the strategic narrative, though included in the Excel spreadsheet plans for each Local Authority Area, has been reproduced in the form of a Word document (see below).

What are the attached documents?

Annex I – Strategic Narrative (easy-read version)

Annex II – Cambridgeshire Plan

Annex III – Peterborough Plan

### **3. CONSULTATION**

3.1 In the developing and drafting of the BCF Plan there were detailed discussions and workshops with partners, including discussion at the Joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Commissioning Board, which has system wide health and care representation, has overseen the development of the plan in line with national requirements. Joint working across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough continues and regular monitoring activities have been solidified to ensure clear and standardised reporting mechanisms. A multi-disciplinary steering group, accountable to the Integrated Commissioning Board has been established to ensure there is effective ongoing monitoring and review of Improved Better Care Fund funded initiatives.

### **4. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

- 4.1 The approval of plans enables us to comply with the national conditions associated with the release of BCF monies.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Delivery assurance through the Board will enable the Council and the CCG to continue to meet NHS England's conditions for receiving BCF monies.

### **Legal Implications**

- 5.2 The BCF funding is in line with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

### **Equalities Implications**

- 5.3 *There are no direct equality implications as a result of this report.*

## **6. Appendices**

- 6.1 *Appendix 1 – Cambridgeshire Better Care Fund Planning Template*  
*Appendix 2 – Peterborough Better Care Fund Planning Template*  
*Appendix 3 – Joint Better Care Fund Strategic Narrative*

## **7 SOURCE DOCUMENTS**

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>