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Title: Better Care Fund 2020-21 Plan

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Purpose of Report: To provide Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with an update on the Better Care Fund for 2020-21.

Report for information, discussion, decision or approval:

For approval.

Related [Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#) Priority:

This paper relates to priority 2 – Keep people healthier for longer and reduce the impact of long-term conditions.

Recommendations:

- **To note** the Better Care Fund budget for 2020-21.
- **To delegate** authority for approval of the 2020-21 plan, including locally set metrics, to lead officers for BC Integrated Commissioning and Buckinghamshire CCG.
- **To delegate** authority for allocation of expenditure for 2020-21 to lead officers for BC Integrated Commissioning and Buckinghamshire CCG.
- **To approve** that the Integrated Commissioning Team continue to service the requirements of the BCF nationally and locally, including regular reporting via the Integrated Commissioning Executive Team on performance and bi-annual updates to Health and Wellbeing Board.
- **To note** the current position in relation to Better Care Fund and performance.

Executive summary

1.1 To provide HWBB with an overview of the Better Care Fund for 2020-21. This includes funding allocations, progress in relation to submission of the formal plan to NHS England (delayed due to covid) and an update on performance against the mandatory metrics. The paper asks for the budget and performance to be noted and delegated authority be given to lead officers for Integrated Commissioning. The paper has been through Council and CCG governance boards prior to Health and Wellbeing Board for final oversight and approval.

Content of report

- 1.2 The Better Care Fund allocations for 2020-21 were announced in February 2020, however, as a result of covid, formal planning guidance and submission of the plan has been delayed. Although expected shortly, we anticipate that it will feature post-COVID learning and greater emphasis on priorities such as embedding a longer term approach to 'Home First' discharge.
- 1.3 This paper provides the board with the current position. It provides an overview of the BCF financial allocations for 2020-21 and the schemes and services that the BCF supports delivery of. The paper requests that the board approve the recommendation for approval of the final plan and allocation of expenditure to be delegated to lead officers for Integrated Commissioning and Buckinghamshire CCG.
- 1.4 The paper provides an update on the High Impact Change Model, which consists of nine domains that each Health and Wellbeing Board area should work to implement in order to most effectively manage transfers of care. In light of covid – this has recently been reviewed nationally to reflect changes to the new hospital discharge processes.
- 1.5 A summary of performance against the mandatory BCF metrics is given. Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) are no longer being collated as a result of the adoption of a home first approach, therefore no data on this is available.
- 1.6 The paper summarises the recommendations required from the Board.

Consultation and communication

- 1.7 This paper has been shared and approved by Adults and Health Senior Management Team (SMT), Corporate Management Team (CMT) and Integrated Commissioning Executive Team (ICET).

Next steps and review

Once Health and Wellbeing Board have approved the recommendations, final sign off of the BCF 2020-21 plan submitted to NHS England, will be provided jointly by lead officers for Buckinghamshire Council and Buckinghamshire CCG on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The timescale for the submission of the BCF plan nationally is currently unknown and we are awaiting information from NHS England, whilst still working up preparatory plans in readiness.

Background papers

None.