

Agenda Item 35.

TITLE	Better Care Fund submission 2019/20
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board on Thursday, 10 October 2019
WARD	None Specific
DIRECTOR/ KEY OFFICER	Katie Summers, Director of Operations, NHS Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Wokingham Locality and Martin Sloan, Assistant Director of Adult Services, Wokingham Borough Council

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority/priorities most progressed through the report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating physically active communities • Reducing social isolation and loneliness • Narrowing the health inequalities gap <p>Integrated health and social care services are essential building blocks to enable the 3 priorities of the Wellbeing Board.</p>
Key outcomes achieved against the Strategy priority/priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved physical health of adults • Creating healthy and resilient communities • Support and collaboration of partners • Those most deprived will enjoy more years in good health • Greater access to health promoting resources

Reason for consideration by Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board	To ratify the 2019/20 Wokingham Wellbeing Board BCF submission
What (if any) public engagement has been carried out?	N/A
State the financial implications of the decision	To maintain the funding of Wokingham's Better Care Fund Programme, a pooled fund via a Section 75 agreement of £10.78 million

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That the Board ratifies the Better Care Fund (BCF) submission for 2019/20, which is part of the national BCF assurance process.</p>
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT</p> <p>The BCF primarily aims to improve health and social care user experience and outcomes by facilitating joint working between health and social care.</p> <p>The submission is our fourth since the inception of the BCF in 2014 and is a requirement of the national BCF process.</p>

Background

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) published the Better Care Fund (BCF) Planning Requirements for 2019/20 on the 18th July 2019.

The BCF provides a mechanism for joint health, housing and social care planning and commissioning. It brings together ring-fenced budgets from Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) allocations and funding paid directly to local government, including the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), the improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) and the Winter Pressures Grant.

All HWBs in England must agree the plan for the use of the pooled fund, worth over £6.4 billion nationally, to support integrated health and care services, as well as capital funding adaptations to houses.

We were required to complete and submit the BCF planning template by the 27th September 2019, which outlines the information required to assure our local Better Care Fund Plans. Following an item that came to the 8th August Wellbeing Board it was agreed that we would enact the agreed delegation to the Chair of the Wokingham Wellbeing Board to agree and sign off the BCF Plan on behalf of the Board and that the BCF Plan will come to the Wokingham Wellbeing Board on the 10th October for ratification.

Our plan can be seen in Appendix 1 Wokingham Wellbeing Board 2019/20, the document we were required to complete and return, containing our strategic narrative, income, expenditure, metrics and the 8 High Impact Change Model. This plan covers 1 year up to the 31st March 2020, this is due to the DHSC and MHCLG reviewing the programme at a national level and also it is the end of the spending review period.

We are proud of the successes we have achieved in Wokingham Borough over the last 2 years and we believe that by working together and providing responsive and pro-active integrated services, we can help the people of Wokingham to:

- Receive services that meet their needs at the earliest possible opportunity
- Have equal access to health and social care
- Receive safe, effective and compassionate care closer to their homes
- Live healthy, fulfilling and independent lives
- Be part of dynamic, thriving and supportive local communities

Each year we carry out an in depth review of our schemes ensuring that lessons are learnt and improvements are made. In 2018/19 we closed our step down service as it wasn't delivering benefits for our residents. For 2019/20 we are progressing our plan from our individual schemes to Integrated Care Networks (ICNs), this reflects our successes and our ambition to build on our plans to integrate our services through a partnership approach and our work plan is aligned to achieve that.

The total pooled fund for Wokingham has increased from £10.01m to £10.78m. The CCG is committed to supporting and maintaining the levels of spends in social care and has increased the minimum contribution by 4.6% for 2019/20.

Analysis of Issues, including any financial implications

Financial Implications – Nil
Policy – Nil
Personnel – Nil
Legal - Nil
Risk Management - Nil

Partner Implications

It is important that all Wellbeing Board partners review and understand the plan as there are interdependencies across all partners of the Wokingham Partnership.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers

Appendix 1 – Wokingham Wellbeing Board BCF 2019/20 Appendix 2 – Wokingham Wellbeing Board BCF 2019/20 Appendices

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