

## **NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Health and Well-being Board**

#### **Update report in relation to the delivery of the Better Care Fund**

##### **1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the Better Care Fund schemes and delivery against the national requirements as set out in the national Better Care Fund Guidance
- 1.2 The report sets out the current position against the targets and high impact change requirements. It also provides a high level overview of the funding in the plan and the spend against this.

##### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund requires local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups to agree a joint plan for delivering integrated health and care services across each Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). These plans are signed off locally by HWBs and then assured jointly by health and social care partners at NHS Regional level, before being approved nationally.

The Better Care Fund Plans are required to demonstrate progress on delivery of the four national metrics; reducing delayed transfers of care, reducing non-elective admissions to hospital, improving reablement outcomes and reducing long term admissions to residential and nursing care.

Better Care Fund plans are assured at regional level with input from NHS England/Improvement and ADASS. Guidance for the Better Care Fund 2019-20 is still awaited and expected imminently. There will be no requirement for a submission at the end of Quarter 1, 2019/20.

- 2.2 As part of the ongoing monitoring of local Better Care Fund plan, quarterly performance and progress returns have been made to NHS England. This report provides a summary of the quarter 4 position for 2018/19 BCF plan demonstrating performance against the four metrics, the High Impact Change

model, income and expenditure against plan and implementation of the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF).

### 2.3 BCF metrics

Reporting demonstrates that North Lincolnshire is on track to meet targets to reduce long term placements in residential and nursing care and to improve the number of people remaining at home following reablement. At month 11, the number of delayed transfers of care (DTOC) were better than plan for the year to date. Month 11 performance showed that the target for non-elective admissions was not met. There are a number of work-streams underway which will support reduction in non-elective admissions. These include;

- Gateway to care
- Urgent treatment centre
- Frailty model, including the 'virtual ward'
- Reducing ambulance conveyance

### 2.4 High Impact Change Model

There are a number of expectations set out in the national High Impact Change Model which are included in the quarterly reporting requirements. These are:

- Early discharge planning
- Systems to monitor patient flow
- Multi-disciplinary /multiagency discharge teams
- Home First/Discharge to assess
- Seven day services
- Trusted Assessors
- Focus on Choice
- Enhancing health in care homes

All of these are considered as established within North Lincolnshire although there remain further opportunities for improvement linked to co-location and use of integrated IT systems to support delivery.

### 2.5 Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)

This funding was allocated to the following six work-streams;

- Trusted assessors
- Gateway to Care
- Pre-operative social care assessment

These work-streams are all in progress. The following are complete;

- Developing enablement response

- Increasing community support
- Discharge to assess leading to an increase in community support team

### 3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 To note the progress against delivery of the 2018/19 plan

### 4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 The report provides the quarter 4 position against the key metrics and an overview of delivery against the High Impact Change Model. Key points are;

We are on track to deliver reduction in long term placements to residential and nursing care, reductions in delayed transfers of care and improved outcomes in rehabilitation and reablement

We are off track in achieving a reduction in non-elective admissions to hospital, however there are a range of work-streams in progress to support reduction in admissions

### 5. **FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

5.1 The total BCF pooled budget of £18,491.330 is comprised of the following;

- Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) of £2,112,997
- Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) of £5,041,785
- CCG Minimum fund of £11,336,549

5.2 The BCF in 2019-20

The national conditions of the Fund remain largely the same as in previous years. The Policy Framework confirms that the minimum allocation from CCG budgets will increase nationally in line with NHS revenue growth.

Winter Pressures Fund will be included in the Better Care Fund for 2019/20, aimed at supporting proactive joint planning ahead of winter to minimise seasonal pressures on the NHS.

### 6. **OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 This paper does not propose any new schemes within the Better Care Fund. Where a new scheme or a change to a scheme is proposed, this will be subject to an integrated impact assessment, covering quality, equality and sustainability.

**7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 None

**8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 None

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 The Health and Well-being Board are asked to note the content of this report.

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