

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING
BOARD**

**BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) 2021-22 PLAN
SUBMISSION**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To request that the Health and Wellbeing Board formally agree and sign off the North Lincolnshire Better Care Fund Plan 2021-22.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national programme which covers both the NHS and Local Government and encourages integrated, joined up working between health and social care to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents. CCG's and Local Authorities must enter into a pooled budget arrangement and agree an integrated spending plan for the Better Care Fund.

- 2.2 Better Care Fund Plans must meet four national conditions, which are:

- A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to CCG minimum contribution. (For 2021-22 this represents an increase of 5.3%)
- Investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services
- Plans for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital.

- 2.3 The Better Care Fund must also include plans for how the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) grant will be utilised. The iBCF is paid directly to the council and the conditions of use are:

- Meeting adult social care needs
- Reducing pressures on the NHS, including seasonal winter pressures
- Supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready
- Ensuring that the social care provider market is supported.

- 2.4 The BCF planning guidance for 2021-22 includes national performance metrics devised to focus on the following improvement areas:

- Improving the timely and effective flow across the health and social care system from admission to discharge
- To monitor and improve use of home first principle and inform service planning
- Reducing time spent in hospital by people with long term conditions

- 2.5 The 2021-22 Better Care Fund Plan is included as appendix 1. It has been developed around the Health and Care Integration Plan 2021-24 that was approved and published in June 2017 and seeks to continue to deliver existing schemes.
- 2.6 The North Lincolnshire 2021-22 BCF plan was required to be submitted on 16 November 2021. In line with BCF national guidance the plan has been signed off by the Chief Operating Officer at NLCCG and the Director of Adults and Community Wellbeing pending formal approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 – To formally agree and sign off the Better Care Fund Plan 2021-22
- 3.2 Option 2 – To not agree and sign off the Better Care Fund Plan 2021-22

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Formally agreeing and signing off the Better Care Fund Plan 2021-22 means that delivery of the plan can continue in line with national requirements.
- 4.2 Not agreeing and signing off the Better Care Fund Plan 2021-22 will affect both delivery and assurance of the plan and could result in funds be reclaimed.

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

- 5.1 The BCF fund includes the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), the iBCF monies and the CCG minimum allocation as follows:

DFG	£2,587,067
iBCF	£7,024,931
CCG minimum	£13,277,017
Total	£22,889,015

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

- 6.1 There are no implications associated with this report, however the BCF 2021-22 plan is a key enabler for the delivery of the Health and Integration 2021-24 plan.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

- 7.1 Not applicable at this stage. Integrated Impact Assessments are undertaken as appropriate in line with commissioning intentions.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

- 8.1 Consultation on the development and delivery of the plan has involved local NHS trusts, social care providers, voluntary and community sector partners.
- 8.2 There are no perceived conflicts of interest associated with this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 It is requested that the Health and Wellbeing Board formally agree and sign off the 2021-22 Better Care Fund Plan.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Better Care Fund planning requirements 2021-22

North Lincolnshire Health and Care Integration Plan 2021-24