

Health & Wellbeing Board

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Better Care Fund 2021/22

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Recommendations

As outlined in the report:

1. To approve the Better Care Fund Plan for 2021/22
2. To agree to receive an update report on progress to date at the March and November 2022 meetings
3. To agree delegated authority to approve subsequent plans if a Health and Wellbeing Board meeting cannot be convened within the NHS England sign off period, to the Executive Director for Adult Care and Housing following consultation with the Health and Wellbeing Board Chair.

Submission of Plans and Current Position

- Dorset submitted 2021/22 BCF Plan and supporting narrative document on 16 November 2021, as required by NHSE.
- Due to NHSE delays in publishing 2021/22 planning requirements, this did not allow time for submission to HWB in advance. However, NHSE accepted Plans with provision HWB meeting was set, hence our meeting today.
- Dorset's Plan was approved Senior Council and CCG Officers:
 - Council Chief Executive
 - Section 151 Officer
 - Director for Adult Social Care
 - CCG Accountable Officer
 - CCG Lead Officer
- On 22 December the South West Better Care Fund Manager confirmed that all South West submissions (including Dorset's) meets the National Conditions and Planning Requirements and has been recommended for approval (pending HWB sign off today)
- The final stage is for approval at a NHSE Executives meeting in January – we await the outcome from this session.

Headlines for BCF Planning

- The BCF and iBCF provides Dorset with a total pooled budget of £136,827,560.
- The BCF Policy Framework sets out four national conditions that we must meet and evidence:
 - 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
 - Invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services
 - Plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital
- In addition, national metrics are included that we must report on:
 - Effectiveness of reablement
 - Discharge to normal place of residence
 - Avoidable Admissions
 - Older adults whose long-term care needs are met by admission to residential or nursing care per 100,000 population

Improving Outcomes for People being Discharged from Hospital

- The reporting is themed by 'Schemes' – the following is not an exhaustive list but provides some examples, there is more information within the Narrative Paper:

Scheme Name	Examples of some of the services that BCF funding supports
Maintaining Independence	Dorset Accessible Home Service provision of Assistive Technologies and Equipment Adaptations, including statutory Disabled Facilities Grants Occupational Therapy Service
Moving on from Hospital Living	Pooled budget to support LD cohort to live in community
Supported Hospital Discharge	Integrated Health and Social Care Team Integrated crisis and rapid response service* Social Work staffing capacity Provision of reablement services – Tricuro
Strong and sustainable care markets	Health and Social care funding of domiciliary care & residential placements * e.g. Dorset Care Framework
Integrated health and social care locality teams	Community services and intermediate care services via Integrated Community Response Teams District nursing capacity to support locality working

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* Inflationary uplift was applied to these areas for 2021/22

- Spend allocated to these areas can be found in the BCF Plan Template – please note there may be additional funding streams supporting this activity – reported figures are solely BCF/iBCF contribution to expenditure / service provision

Other Dorset Priorities supported by BCF

Scheme Name	Descriptions
Strong and sustainable care markets	Resource to manage and review care market Enabling service improvement
Carers	Carers Case workers, Carers training, Direct Payments for Carers Respite and Short Breaks,

Metrics Reported on for BCF

- **Avoidable Admissions**

(unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions)

- **Length of Stay (Hospital)**

- **Discharge to normal place of residence**

(Percentage of people, resident in the HWB area, who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of residence)

- **Residential Admissions**

(Long-term support needs of older people (age over 65 and over) met by admission to care homes per 100,000 population)

- **Reablement**

(Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement)

Where We Report and Governance in Dorset?

- **Quarterly national reporting is recommencing**
(halted due to Covid-19 pressures March 2020)
- **Joint Commissioning Group**
(BCP Council, Dorset Council and NHS Dorset CCG)
- **Reporting to Health and Wellbeing Board on activity and financial performance will commence in March 2022 and every six months thereafter**