

Dorset Health & Wellbeing Board

9th November 2022

Better Care Fund Approval for 2022/23



The Better Care Fund – A Quick Reminder

- BCF is a key funding stream for all local systems
- In Dorset for 2022/23 it provides the Council and NHS with total of £139m
- All BCF plans are co-produced between Council and Dorset NHS
- There are set mandatory conditions for investment of the monies
- BCF Policy Objectives echo our local shared priorities:
 - Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
 - Provide the right care, in the right place, at the right time
- Our Plans were submitted under delegated authority on 26th September, currently subject to BCF Assurance process, pending HWB approval today.



Areas of investment and the future

- Funding schemes focus spending around a range of key areas such as:
 - Pathways out of hospital
 - Integrated working between health and social care
 - Carers Services
 - Maintaining Independence, e.g Integrated Community Equipment Service
- The Narrative Plan reports the details of how we invest the funding, and particularly where we have made changes to commissioned services this year.
- This 2022/23 Plan is key building block for progression to a 2 year BCF plan from next year.

Recommendations to HWB Today

As outlined in the report:

1. To approve the Better Care Fund (BCF) submission for 2022/23
2. To agree to receive an update report at the March 2023 meeting on the opportunities available to potentially re-allocate BCF funds from 2023/24 that might better support achievement of Dorset's shared goals.