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**Report to:** Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date:**

**Subject:** Leeds BCF End of Year 2020/21 Template and iBCF Update

Are specific geographical areas affected? If relevant, name(s) of area(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## 1. Summary of main issues

- 1.1. Each quarter, there is a requirement to report to NHS England (NHSE) on the performance of the Better Care Fund (BCF) and to report to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) regarding the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) funding.
- 1.2. For Q4 2020/21, completion of an end of year template was required and needed to be submitted to NHSE/MHCLG by 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021. As national timescales do not align with Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) meetings, we have been able to submit the template to meet the deadline, subject to sign off by the HWB at a later meeting.
- 1.3. Since BCF plans were not collected in 2020-21 (due to the coronavirus pandemic) the end of year reporting collects information that would normally have been collected during planning. Specifically, this includes collecting information on national conditions, planned and actual income/expenditure, feedback and iBCF fee rates.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to sign off the Leeds BCF End of Year 2020/21 Template attached as Appendix 1 and note the benefits and outcomes of the additional iBCF funding.

## **3. Purpose of this report**

- 3.1 To obtain sign off from the Health and Wellbeing Board of the End of Year 2020/21 Template.

## **4. Background information**

- 4.1 The BCF programme supports local systems to successfully deliver the integration of health and social care in a way that supports person-centred care, sustainability and better outcomes for people and carers. It represents a unique collaboration between: -

- The Department of Health and Social Care
- The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- NHS England and Improvement
- The Local Government Association

- 4.2 The four partners work closely together to help local areas plan and implement integrated health and social care services across England, in line with the vision outlined in the NHS Long Term Plan. Locally, the programme spans both the NHS and local government to join up health and care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

- 4.3 Launched in 2015, the programme established pooled budgets between the NHS and local authorities, aiming to reduce the barriers often created by separate funding streams. The pooled budget is a combination of contributions from the following areas:-

- minimum allocation from NHS clinical commissioning group(s) (CCGs)
- disabled facilities grant
- social care funding (iBCF)
- winter pressures grant

## **5. Main issues**

- 5.1 The main highlights of the template are: -
- All National Conditions have been met
  - Income and Expenditure - outlines the Health & Wellbeing Board level of actual pooled income and expenditure in 2020/21. This includes the mandatory funding sources of the Disabled Facilities Grant, the iBCF Grant, the Winter Pressures Grant and the minimum CCG contribution
  - Year End Feedback – this section provides year end feedback on the delivery of the BCF

- iBCF – this section asked for the average fees paid to external care providers

## **6. Update on schemes funded through iBCF/Spring Budget monies**

- 6.1 The Spending Review 2015 announced the improved Better Care Fund (iBCF). This was recurrent funding and is used by Leeds to fund long term home care, residential placements and to sustain any fee uplifts to our providers. The Spring Budget 2017 announced additional iBCF funding for adult social care over the following three years.
- 6.2 Leeds agreed to use this non-recurrent three-year funding to fund transformational initiatives that had compelling business cases to support the future management of service demand and system flow and prevent the need for more specialist and expensive forms of care.
- 6.3 Initially 30 schemes received this non-recurrent iBCF funding with a further 9 schemes receiving funding from a second bidding process held in 2018/19 when an amount of £1.8m of the original additional iBCF funding was identified as being available. This iBCF funding has now ended and Appendix 2 shows the benefits and outcomes of all schemes.

## **Health and Wellbeing Board governance**

### **Consultation, engagement and hearing citizen voice**

Routine monitoring of the delivery of the BCF is undertaken by the Integrated Commissioning Executive acting as the BCF Partnership Board. The BCF Plan has been developed based on the findings of consultation and engagement exercises undertaken by partner organisations when developing their own organisational plans. Any specific changes undertaken by any of the schemes will be subject to agreed statutory organisational consultation and engagement processes.

### **Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

Through the BCF, it is vital that equity of access to services is maintained and that quality of care is not compromised. The vision that 'Leeds will be a healthy and caring city for all ages, where people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest' underpins the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016 - 2021. The services funded by the BCF contribute to the delivery of this vision.

### **Resources and value for money**

The iBCF Grant allocated through the Spring Budget 2017 is focussed on initiatives that have the potential to defer or reduce future service demand and/or to ensure that the same or better outcomes can be delivered at a reduced cost to the Leeds £. As such the funding is being used as 'invest to save'.

### **Legal Implications, access to information and call In**

There are no legal, access to information or call in implications from this report.

### **Risk management**

No risks identified now that the additional iBCF funding has ended.

**Conclusions**

Quarterly national returns in respect of monitoring the performance of the BCF will continue to be completed and submitted to NHS England/the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

**Recommendations**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to sign off the Leeds BCF End of Year 2020/21 Template attached as Appendix 1 and note the benefits and outcomes of the additional iBCF funding.

**Background documents**

None.

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**How does this help reduce health inequalities in Leeds?**

The BCF is a programme, of which the iBCF grant is a part, spanning both the NHS and local government which seeks to join-up health and care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

**How does this help create a high-quality health and care system?**

The BCF has been created to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society, placing them at the centre of their care and support, and providing them with integrated health and social care services, resulting in an improved experience and better quality of life.

**How does this help to have a financially sustainable health and care system?**

The iBCF Grant funding has been jointly agreed between LCC and NHS partners in Leeds and is focussed on transformative initiatives that will manage future demand for services.

**Future challenges or opportunities**

The initiatives funded through the iBCF Grant have the potential to improve services and deliver savings. To sustain services in the longer term, successful initiatives will need to identify mainstream recurrent funding to continue beyond the non-recurrent testing stage.

<b>Priorities of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21</b>	
A Child Friendly City and the best start in life	
An Age Friendly City where people age well	X
Strong, engaged and well-connected communities	X
Housing and the environment enable all people of Leeds to be healthy	
A strong economy with quality, local jobs	
Get more people, more physically active, more often	
Maximise the benefits of information and technology	X
A stronger focus on prevention	X
Support self-care, with more people managing their own conditions	X
Promote mental and physical health equally	X
A valued, well trained and supported workforce	
The best care, in the right place, at the right time	X