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Report of: Leeds Health and Care System

Report to: Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 20 July 2023

Subject: Leeds Health & Care System Better Care Fund Submission 2023-25

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

Summary of main issues

The ICB in Leeds and the LCC's A&H Directorate are required to complete and submit the Better Care Fund Plan for 2023-25 to NHS England by 28th June 2023. The plan has been completed to reflect key health and care priorities for the coming two years.

A draft of the Leeds Better Care Fund Plan is being shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off in advance of submission.

Recommendations

- It is recommended that the HWB approve the attached collaboratively authored and regionally reviewed BCF plan for the Leeds City.
- If approved the Leeds BCF plans will be submitted nationally on 28th June 2023.

1 Purpose of this report

- The national requirements of the Better Care Fund require each ICB place to submit a plan
 detailing how the BCF funds will be committed to support 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.
- The narrative and planning templates have been jointly authored by colleagues within the NHS and LCC in collaboration with the HomeFirst programme team.
- The narrative and planning template submission have been shared in draft with the NHS
 regional team to confirm they met the required key lines of enquiry. The improvements
 suggested from that review have been include in the updated plan being shared with the HWB.

2 Background information

The Timeline for approval of the BCF plans is set out below.







Timetable

BCF planning requirements published	5 April
Optional draft BCF planning submission (including intermediate care capacity and demand plan) submitted to BCM and copied to the BCF team (england.bettercarefundteam@nhs.net)	19 May
BCF planning submission (including intermediate care and short term care capacity and demand plan; and discharge spending plan) from local HWB areas (agreed by ICBs and local government). All submissions will need to be sent to the local BCM, and copied to england.bettercarefundteam@nhs.net	28 June
Scrutiny of BCF plans by regional assurers, assurance panel meetings and regional moderation	28 June – 28 July
Regionally moderated assurance outcomes sent to BCF team	28 July
Cross-regional calibration	3 August
Approval letters issued giving formal permission to spend (NHS minimum)	3 September
All section 75 agreements to be signed and in place	31 October

3 Main issues

Health and Wellbeing Board(s)	Leeds
Local Authority	Leeds City Council
Integrated Care Board (ICB)	NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Date of narrative submission:	28 June 2023
Minimum required value of pooled budget:	2023/24 : £68,096,805
	2024/25 : £71,951,084
Total agreed value of pooled	2023/24 : £119,777,510
budget:	2024/25 : £129,648,992
National Conditions	This plan is compliant with the following national conditions of the BCF planning framework:
	NC1: A Jointly agreed plan
	NC2: Implementing BCF Policy Objective 1: Enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
	NC3: Implementing BCF Policy Objective 2: Providing the right care in the right place at the right time
	NC4: Maintaining NHS's contribution to adult social care and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services

4 Health and Wellbeing Board Governance

The governance of the BCF plan is overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Board in Leeds. The two delegated senior officers for this are the ICB Director of Pathway Integration in Leeds and Executive Lead for Discharge and Deputy Director of Integrated Commissioning (joint post, based in LCC). They are jointly responsible for integrated commissioning areas, identifying opportunities for spend and reinvestment, and for working across the system to maximise the outcomes of the BCF allocation.

The spend and return on investment of each element of the BCF is monitored by the Integrated Commissioning Executive (ICE), which is informed from relevant Committee of the ICB. This is in conjunction with the Programme Governance surrounding our Home First transformation programme, which is jointly commissioned and delivered by the NHS and Local Authority in Leeds.

ICE works with wider providers including the Third Sector through a range of mechanisms principally the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board, the joint executive function of that board and the Partnership Executive Group (PEG) as part of delivering the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy. ICE provides quarterly updates to the HWB on the progress of plans.

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Implementing the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21

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 may need to identify mainstream recurrent funding to continue beyond the non-recurrent testing stage.

Priorities of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21	
(please tick all that apply to this report)	
A Child Friendly City and the best start in life	
An Age Friendly City where people age well	Х
Strong, engaged and well-connected communities	Х
Housing and the environment enable all people of Leeds to be healthy	Х
A strong economy with quality, local jobs	
Get more people, more physically active, more often	
Maximise the benefits of information and technology	Х
A stronger focus on prevention	Х
Support self-care, with more people managing their own conditions	Х
Promote mental and physical health equally	Х
A valued, well trained and supported workforce	

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