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Meeting:	Bury Health and Wellbeing Board
Meeting date:	2 nd December 2021
Title of report:	Better Care Fund 2021/2022
Report by:	Cllr A Simpson – Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
Decision Type:	Information / Ratification
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

Executive Summary:

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-care-fund-policy-framework-2021-to-2022>

The framework and guidance establish the key conditions and requirements of the Better Care Fund in 2021/2022.

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- a jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners, signed off by the HWB
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- a plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital

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- reducing length of stay in hospital, measured through the percentage of hospital inpatients who have been in hospital for longer than 14 and 21 days
- improving the proportion of people discharged home using data on discharge to their usual place of residence
- avoidable admissions to hospital
- admissions to residential and care homes
- effectiveness of reablement

The Better Care Fund proposals should not be read in isolation but should be seen as a constituent part of the Bury Locality Plan and 'Let's Do It' 2030 Bury Strategy which sets out the entirety of the local approach to Health and Social Care transformation.

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The final planning template has been signed off for progression by the Executive Director for Strategic Commissioning, Interim Director of Adult Social Care, s.151 officer at Bury Council, the Deputy Director of Commissioning at Bury CCG, and the joint Chief Finance Officer.

Recommendation(s)

- That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the content of the report.
- That the Bury Health and Wellbeing Board approve the attached Better Care Fund 2021/2022 Planning Template and ratify the decision to submit to the national Better Care Fund team for assessment.
- That the Bury Health and Wellbeing Board approve the attached Better Care Fund Narrative plan for 21/22 and ratify the decision to submit to the national Better Care fund team for assessment.

Key considerations:

Introduction/ Background:

- 1.1 The final Better Care Fund 2021/2022 Policy Framework and Planning Guidance was published in October 2021 and can be found via
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BCF 2021/2022 Conditions and Requirements

- 1.4 BCF 2021/2022 is subject to **4 national conditions**:

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- 1.6 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and local government to agree a joint plan, owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). These are joint plans for using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).

- 1.7 Given the ongoing pressures in systems, there will be minimal change to the BCF in 2021 to 2022. The 2021 to 2022 Better Care Fund policy framework aims to build on progress during the COVID-19 pandemic, strengthening the integration of commissioning and delivery of services and delivering person-centred care, as well as continuing to support system recovery from the pandemic. The changes are as follows;

- Local approach to integration
- Plans to achieve metrics
- Requirement to submit an accompanying narrative plan as well as the template detailing plans which must not be more than 20 pages long.

- Plans around wider work to support people to live well for longer in the community and to support hospital discharges e.g., housing, DFG and reablement.

1.8 NHS England have set out **2 overarching requirements** for approval of BCF Plans:

- All funding agreed as part of the BCF plan must be transferred into one or more pooled funds established under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006
- All plans are approved by NHS England in consultation with DHSC
- As in previous years, the NHS contribution to the BCF will still include funding to support the implementation of the Care Act 2014, which will be set out via the Local Authority Social Services Letter.
- Funding previously earmarked for reablement and for the provision of carers' breaks also remains in the NHS contribution.

2.0 BCF 2021/2022 Planning Template

2.1 The national Planning Template sets out the Bury Better Care Fund proposals for 2021/2022.

Funding

Funding Sources	Income	Expenditure	Difference
DFG	£2,076,611	£2,076,611	£0
Minimum CCG Contribution	£14,854,177	£14,854,177	£0
iBCF	£7,404,156	£7,404,156	£0
Additional LA Contribution	£0	£0	£0
Additional CCG Contribution	£1,415,746	£1,415,746	£0
Total	£25,750,690	£25,750,690	£0

Scheme Types

Assistive Technologies and Equipment	£0
Care Act Implementation Related Duties	£753,674
Carers Services	£0
Community Based Schemes	£2,194,614
DFG Related Schemes	£2,076,611
Enablers for Integration	£466,677
High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfer of Care	£0
Home Care or Domiciliary Care	£9,484,563
Housing Related Schemes	£0
Integrated Care Planning and Navigation	£1,557,988
Bed based intermediate Care Services	£2,268,719

Reablement in a persons own home	£3,331,555
Personalised Budgeting and Commissioning	£0
Personalised Care at Home	£0
Prevention / Early Intervention	£3,616,289
Residential Placements	£0
Other	£0
Total	£25,750,690

2.4 Metrics

Avoidable Admissions

	20-21 Actual	21-22 Plan
Unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions (NHS Outcome Framework indicator 2.3i)	To be published	1,031 per 100,000

Length of Stay

		21-22 Q3 Plan	21-22 Q4 Plan
Percentage of in patients, resident in the HWB, who have been an inpatient in an acute hospital for:	LOS 14+	10.5%	10.3%
i) 14 days or more			
ii) 21 days or more	LOS 21+	6.0%	6.0%
As a percentage of all inpatients			

	0	21-22 Plan
Percentage of people, resident in the HWB, who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of residence	0.0%	92.7% Qtr 391.2%

		20-21 Actual	21-22 Plan
Long-term support needs of older people (age 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population	Annual Rate	591	590

		21-22 Plan
Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services	Annual (%)	81.3%

Key Issues for the Board to consider:

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Community impact/links with Community Strategy

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Equality Impact and considerations:

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

Equality Analysis	<i>Please provide a written explanation of the outcome(s) of either conducting an initial or full EA.</i>
The Better Care Fund planning template and narrative plan have been submitted for assessment to the national Better Care Fund team but has not yet been approved. An EIA has not been carried out for the two strategic plans as an EIA has been completed for all the individual activities or projects identified within the plans.	

**Please note: Approval of a cabinet report is paused when the 'Equality/Diversity implications' section is left blank and approval will only be considered when this section is completed.*

Legal Implications:

To be completed by the Council's Monitoring Officer

- These proposals relate to the use of financial resources
- These proposals have been developed in partnership with the Bury Council s.151 Officer and the Bury Joint Director of Finance.

Financial Implications:

To be completed by the Council's Section 151 Officer

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Background papers:



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2021-22 Planning TeFINAL 10.11.21.docx



BCF narrative plan

See appendix 1 and 2 for background papers.

Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

Term	Meaning
BCF	Better Care Fund
IBCF	Improved Better Care Fund