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Meeting:	Bury Health and Wellbeing Board
Meeting date:	July 2022
Title of report:	Better Care Fund 2021/2022 Year End Submission
Report by:	Cllr T Tariq Will Blandamer – Executive Director Strategic Commissioning,
Decision Type:	Information/ Discussion or Decision (<i>delete as appropriate</i>) Information / Ratification
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

Executive Summary:

The final Better Care Fund 2021/2022 Policy Framework and Planning Guidance was published in October 2021 and can be found via;

<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.

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

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

The Policy Framework also sets out **5 national metrics** for the fund, which are:

- 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 guidance for the Better Care Fund year end submission requirements was issued to lead officers at the end of April 2022 with a submission deadline of 27th May 2022. As a result of this short timescale for development and submission the deadline fell between Health and Wellbeing Board planned meetings. The End of Year submission template has been collaboratively populated by relevant colleagues from within Bury Council and Bury NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

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 Year End Submission Template 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
- 1.2 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-care-fund-policy-framework-2021-to-2022>
- 1.3 The framework and guidance establish the key conditions and requirements of the Better Care Fund in 2021/2022.

BCF 2021/2022 Conditions and Requirements

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

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1.6 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
- All funding agreed as part of the BCF plan has been transferred into one or more pooled funds established under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006
- The Year End Submission has been submitted to NHS England for approval with DHSC

2.0 BCF 2021/2022 Year End Submission Template

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

Planned 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

Actual Expenditure

	Planned 21-22	Actual 21-22
Total BCF Pooled Fund	£25,750,690	£27,204,688

Including CCG Additional Funding	£1,415,746
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2.4 Metrics

Planned 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

Actual Avoidable Admissions

Data not available to assess progress	20/21 data is not available to carry out validation. Although admissions have been below plan	Target appears to have been met but data needs to be verified before we can properly report.
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Planned 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: i) 14 days or more ii) 21 days or more As a percentage of all inpatients	LOS 14+	10.5%	10.3%
	LOS 21+	6.0%	6.0%

Actual Length of Stay

On track to meet target	Including challenges as a result of the Impact of Covid	14+ in Q3 and Q4 is below planned level
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		21+ in Q3 and Q4 is below planned level
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Planned Discharge to Normal Place of Residence

	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%

Actual Discharge to Normal Place of Residence

Not on track to meet target	Achievement against this target has been impacted by Covid	The actual proportion of patients discharged to usual place of residence is just below planned level. Variance is very small.
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Planned Residential Admissions

		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

Actual Residential Admissions

On track to meet target	Covid was a challenge for this service as more people were leaving hospital and being placed into residential homes as they were too ill to be cared for at home	Target met. Year-end figure is 5889.8 per 100,000
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Planned Reablement

		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%

Actual Reablement

On track to meet target	Covid was a challenge for this service	Target met and exceeded. Year-end figure is 87.3%
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Key Issues for the Board to consider:

- 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.
- The Year End Submission 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.

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 -

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*
- 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 Year End Submission template 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 Te



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

Term	Meaning
BCF	Better Care Fund
IBCF	Improved Better Care Fund