



Report: Better Care Fund

Date: 8 June 2023
Agenda Item No. 12

To: Health and Wellbeing Board

Report Title: Better Care Fund End of Year Template

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision?
Cllr Sarah Smith Cllr Rachael Blake	Boroughwide	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Better Care Fund (BCF) discussion at Health Wellbeing Board (HWB) is in regard to confirmation of end of year BCF 2022/23 activity reporting. This will include actual income and expenditure at the end of the financial year and identified challenges, achievements and support needs.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. There are no exemptions or confidential information contained within this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The recommendation is for HWB members to note the content of the report, formally agree sign off of the end of year template 2022/23.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. BCF plans address health inequalities and improved outcomes for vulnerable groups such as people experiencing homelessness, mental health challenges, learning disabilities and autism.
5. BCF is actioned jointly with a focus on working age and older adults.
6. BCF places emphasis on integrated working to improve outcomes for local people. Most notably improving discharge, reducing the pressure on urgent and emergency care and social care, supporting intermediate care, unpaid carers and housing adaptations.
7. Additional funded support is available to reduce delays in discharge, improve prevention, manage overall system flow and improve integration between health, housing and adult social care services.
8. Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) is ringfenced to reduce seasonal pressures, support hospital discharge and sustainability of the social care market.
9. Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) as part of BCF is ringfenced to enable housing authorities to continue to meet their statutory duty.

10. Adult Social Care Discharge Funding (ASC DF) as part of BCF is ringfenced to build additional social care and community based reablement capacity, maximise the number of hospital beds freed up and deliver sustainable improvements for patients.

BACKGROUND

11. BCF takes a strategic approach to integrated commissioning with reporting and planning jointly agreed by South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (SY ICB) and City of Doncaster Council Chief Executive prior to sign off of plans from the HWB.
12. Broadly speaking BCF's aim is to make the most efficient and effective use of health and social care resources by breaking down organisational barriers. In doing so it assists people to live independently in their communities for as long as possible and to deliver the right care, in the right place, at the right time.
13. The financial allocations for Doncaster 2022/23 are as follows:

Funding Source	£
Disabled Facilities Grant	£2,782,137
Improved Better Care Fund	£16,310,384
NHS Minimum Fund	£27,442,794
LA Additional Funding	£1,699,394
ASC Discharge Fund	£3,111,233
Total budget	£51,345,942

OPTIONS CONSIDERED



14. There are no options considered, it is expected the members should note the content of the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

15. The BCF end of year template for 2022/23 are required to be signed off by Doncaster HWB as the accountable governance body for BCF locally.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES


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Great 8 Priority	Positive Overall	Mix of Positive & Negative	Trade-offs to consider – Negative overall	Neutral or No implications
 Tackling Climate Change	✓			
BCF provides fuel poor and vulnerable private sector owner occupied households with grant funding to repair/replace boilers and/or heating systems and other energy measures, including but not limited to boilers on prescription.				
 Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work	✓			


BCF provides capacity and expertise to raise the profile of apprenticeships in health and social care, expand opportunities for apprenticeships into new vocational areas and ensure that apprenticeships form a core part of workforce planning and development arrangements going forward.

 Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs	✓			
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BCF mitigated staffing capacity risks and market sustainability within adult social care by uplifting national living wage rates to support workforce retention through investment from the ASC DF.

 Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all	✓			
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BCF enables people to stay independent for longer and improves hospital discharge and reablement pathways through services across health, public health and adult social care.

 Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs	✓			
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BCF has recently commissioned a piece of engagement work which has informed the development of a Doncaster dementia strategy and future procurement of dementia services for pre and post diagnostic interventions and community therapies support service.

 Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough	✓			
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BCF provides access to counselling for children under 12 that has reduced waiting times and improved the standard of counselling. The vulnerable adolescents project reduces the number of adolescents entering the care system through a therapeutic preventative approach. Doncaster's single 1001 days offer has improved antenatal and postnatal pathways around family hub services and childcare placements.

 Building Transport and digital connections fit for the future	✓			
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BCF part funds the implementation of digital record sharing over five systems which include the DBTH clinical portal and RDASH System One. This will give Doncaster health and care professionals access to alerts, allergies, appointments, care plans, co morbidities, diagnoses, discharge information, encounters, medications, referrals and vaccinations.

 Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting, and heritage opportunities				✓
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Comments:

Fair & Inclusive	✓			
BCF funds the stronger community wellbeing service that works with community adult learning disability teams and sensory teams. The Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) link workers provide workforce training in how to open communications with GRT groups and break down barriers with activities including health fayres, translation services, skills and training and further research into mental health/ suicide prevention.				

Legal Implications [Officer Initials: NJD Date: 22/5/23]

17. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with a general power of competence, allowing the Council to do anything that individuals generally may do.
18. The Care Act 2014 places a number of duties to promote an individual's wellbeing, ensuring that care and support provision is integrated together with other health provision.
19. NHS England produced 'Better Care Fund planning requirements 2022-23, which set out recommended process and format for developing a plan for the Better Care Fund which the Council were required to follow.

Financial Implications [Officer Initials: CL | Date: 25th May 2023]

20. Doncaster Council and Doncaster ICB were allocated a budget of £46.864m in 2022/23. In addition to this there was a £2.782m Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) for 2022/23 and a further £1.699m DFG brought forward from previous financial years. The total 2022/23 budget allocation including capital allocations was £51.345m.
21. This formed the pooled budget arrangement covered under the Section 75 agreement. The breakdown of the funding streams is shown in the summary below and also detailed in para 13 above.
22. Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) and DFG are paid to local authorities with a condition that they are pooled locally into the BCF and spent on specific purposes set out in the grant determinations and conditions. DFG is a ring-fenced capital grant and is included in the council's capital programme.
23. The three funding streams forming the pooled budget arrangement are subject to quarterly and year end reporting as set out in the conditions of the funding.

2022/23 Adult Social Care Funding: Better Care Funding Summary

Funding Stream	£'000
Doncaster BCF	9,011
Doncaster iBCF	16,310
Doncaster Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	1,258
Doncaster Total allocation	26,579
ICB BCF	18,432
ICB Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	1,853
ICB Total	20,285
BCF excluding DFG Capital	46,864
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) Capital Budget - Current year allocation	2,782
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) Capital Budget - Prior year underspends brought forward	1,699
BCF including DFG Capital (previous and current year)	51,345

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

24. There are no specific human resource implications in relation to this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

25. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this report.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

26. The risk of not completing the end of year template 2022/23 is that regional and national assurance cannot be granted.

CONSULTATION

27. The annual return has received feedback through to health, social care, public health and finance colleagues with JCOG providing operational sign off prior to HWB.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

28. BCF 2022/23 end of year template



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GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- 29. BCF – Better Care Fund
- 30. SY ICB - South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
- 31. HWB - Health and Wellbeing Board
- 32. IBCF - Improved Better Care Fund
- 33. DFG - Disabled Facilities Grants
- 34. ASC DF - Adult Social Care Discharge Funding
- 35. HICM - High Impact Change Model
- 36. DBTH – Doncaster Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital
- 37. RDASH – Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber
- 38. GRT - Gypsy Roma & Traveller
- 39. JCOG – Joint Commissioning Operational Group

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