

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod, Executive Director of Adult Care and Community Wellbeing on behalf of the Joint Commissioning Board.

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	26 September 2017
Subject:	Better Care Fund

Summary:

This report provides the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on Lincolnshire's BCF plans including an update on the preparation of the BCF Narrative Plan and related Planning Templates. Updates are also provided on the graduation bid, the iBCF funding made available for 2017/18, and on performance.

Actions Required:

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board to;

- Note the BCF report update
- Approve the Narrative Plan shown as Appendix A

1. Background

The Lincolnshire Better Care Fund for 2016/17 was £196.5m. Lincolnshire's fund is one of the largest in the country and this does help us to have some influence at national level. The fund is expanding and is £226m in 2017/18 and £235m in 2018/19. For 2016/17 both Non Elective Admissions (NEA) and delayed transfers of care (DTOC) were a priority, primarily because both nationally and locally NEAs and DTOC have increased and are causing additional financial pressures particularly to NHS partners. For 2017/18 the key performance areas are the same as in 2016/17 though there is an ever-increasing focus on DTOC performance.

BCF 2017/18 and 2018/19

The BCF Narrative Plan and related Planning Template were submitted to NHSE on 11 September as required. The key milestones beyond this date are:-

Milestone	Date
BCF planning submission from local Health and Wellbeing Board areas (agreed by CCGs and local authorities). All submissions will need to be sent to DCO teams and copied to england.bettercaresupport@nhs.net	11 September 2017
Scrutiny of BCF plans by regional assurers	12 – 25 September 2017
Regional moderation	w/c 25 September 2017
Cross regional calibration	02 October 2017
Approval letters issued giving formal permission to spend (CCG minimum)	From 6 October 2017
Escalation panels for plans rated as not approved	w/c 10 October 2017
Deadline for areas with plans rated approved with conditions to submit updated plans.	31 October 2017
All Section 75 agreements to be signed and in place	30 November 2017
Government will consider a review of 2018-19 allocations of the IBCF grant provided at Spring Budget 2017 for areas that are performing poorly. This funding will all remain with local government, to be used for adult social care.	November 2017

The key **financial** elements of the plan include:-

- An overall BCF Plan of £226.2m for 2017/18 and £235.4m for 2018/19 with the increase predominantly relating to the iBCF funding of over £17m (£22m in 2018/19) , increases in DFG funding, and increases in the aligned CAMB budget
- Agreement that the 'Minimum Mandated Expenditure on Social Care from the CCG minimum' complies with national requirements for a 1.79% and then 1.9% increase, making the amount provided for the Protection of Adult Care Services £17.13m in 2017/18 and £17.465m in 2018/19.
- Over the three years of the overall iBCF funding to March 2020 the funding will be invested in:

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	%	%	%
Meeting adult social care need	23	56	70
Reducing pressures on the NHS	44	17	14
Stabilising the social care market	33	27	16

The key **performance** elements of the BCF Plan are shown in Appendix A, in the Narrative Plan on page 41-48.

Main issues within these relate to:-

- Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) - An ever increasing focus is being placed on the DTOC metric, and increasingly the success of the BCF Plan is nationally seen to depend on being successful in reducing DTOC. The Lincolnshire plan assumes that both the local authority and the CCGs will achieve the nationally set DTOC targets
- Non Elective Admissions (NEAs) – the BCF Plan also assumes that the nationally set target for NEAs is also achieved.
- In both the above areas the Plan is required to identify whether 'stretch targets' should be set. This challenge has been discussed within LCC and the 4 CCGs, at the JCB and also at the Lincolnshire A&E Delivery Board. It has been agreed that we will not include a stretch target in either of these areas.

Graduation

Graduation – this is the Government's latest phrase for moving local areas from the BCF to the full integration of health and social care. The benefits of being a 'graduation pilot' are still being determined nationally, though proposed benefits include a reduction in bureaucracy and the need to report to (and be reviewed by) central government.

Lincolnshire's Graduation Plan provides a strong evidence base of the ambitions for the Lincolnshire health and social care community. It builds on existing strengths whilst expanding into areas mutually agreed across the community as activities to strongly link within the plan. We also intend that our graduation submission should also make a significant contribution, notably in reducing acute pressures and expanding the capacity of primary/community colleagues to 'do more'.

Our Expression of Interest (Eoi) for Graduation was submitted in May and we are on a shortlist to be selected as a Graduation area.

2. Conclusion

The Lincolnshire BCF Narrative Plan and related Planning Template has now been submitted to NHSE and we await the outcome of the assurance process. The Board is asked to note, comment and approve the Plan. Note that any minor changes to the wording within the plan will be able to be made following the national/regional approval process.

Our bid for Graduation is on a shortlist, and we await a final decision including what benefits result from having being awarded Graduation status

3. Consultation

Risk log included for each delivery board are included within the Narrative Plan.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire BCF Narrative Plan 2017-2019

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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