

## LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod, Executive Director – Adult Care and Community Wellbeing

Report to	<b>Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
Date:	<b>29 March 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>Better Care Fund 2022/23</b>

### **Summary:**

This update is an information item for the Health and Wellbeing Board. With the 2022/23 Better Care Fund Framework yet to be published, this document provides the Board with an update on the financial approach and the priorities for 2022/23.

### **Actions Required:**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the content of this report.

## **1. Background**

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a programme spanning both the NHS and local government which integrates health and care services enabling people to manage their own health and wellbeing and live independently for as long is possible for them. 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 integrated health and social care services, resulting in an improved experience and better quality of life.

The BCF represents a unique collaboration between NHS England, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Local Government Association. Nationally the four partners work closely together to help local areas plan and implement integrated health and social care services across England, in line with the vision outlined in the long-term Plan.

The Lincolnshire BCF comprises the following sections:

- The Comprehensive Spending Review confirmed that the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) will see an inflationary uplift on 2021/22 allocations in line with the September 2020 to September 2021 change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). For Lincolnshire, this means an increase in iBCF for 2022/23 of £1.006 million.

- We are forecasting the minimum CCG contribution to continue with an expected increase of 5% but this isn't confirmed.
- £570 million per year (2022/23 to 2024/25) has been confirmed to provide funding to local areas to deliver the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG). This maintains the increased investment seen in 2021/22. For Lincolnshire this is forecast to be approx. £6.9m in 2022/23.
- Budgets held by Lincolnshire County Council and Lincolnshire CCG which both organisations have agreed to bring together into a pooled budget to deliver the benefits which arise from integration.

## **2. Conclusion**

The BCF Framework for 2022/23 has yet to be published. This will confirm the planning and reporting requirements for 2022/23. In advance of the publication and with the new financial year upon us, partners to the pooled budget are forecasting the priorities for investment through the above inflationary increases to be as follows

- a) costs incurred in delivering the Discharge to Assess pathway.
- b) growth in demand for services historically supported by the BCF e.g. learning disabilities packages of care, services supporting Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services.
- c) Intermediate care services.

## **3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy**

The Council and Clinical Commissioning Group must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## **4. Consultation**

None required.

## **5. Appendices**

No Appendices.

## **6. 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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