

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	27 September 2022
Subject:	Better Care Fund Final Report 2022/23

Summary:

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national programme with a prescribed policy and planning framework. The BCF planning guidance for 2022/23 was published 19 July 2022 with a deadline for submission 26 September 2022. Attached to this report are the three documents required as part of the Lincolnshire BCF submission:

- The BCF Planning Template – This spreadsheet document forms part of the BCF plan submission and highlights the difference sources of funding (income) and Lincolnshire BCF schemes (Expenditure). Key Lines of Enquiry set out at Tab 7. These will be used to assure the BCF plan.
- The BCF Capacity and Demand Template for intermediate care – this is new this year and is not a formally assured document. This template will be used to formulate a support offer for systems in 2023.
- BCF Narrative Plan Template – a narrative plan must be submitted alongside the BCF Planning Template. The format of the narrative plan is not prescribed. It has been designed to help guide colleagues so that by following the sections, the Key Lines of Enquiry should be answered.

Actions Required:

For decision. The HWB is asked to approve the 2022/23 Lincolnshire BCF plan, in retrospect of the submission deadline 26 September 2022.

1. Background

The governance for the Better Care Fund (BCF) is prescribed within the BCF planning framework and includes that The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is required to approve all plans and reports regarding the BCF before they are submitted to NHS England/Local Government Association for assurance.

For the past 4 years the national BCF planning and assurance framework has been “rolled on” with the planning framework and reporting requirements being confirmed within year this had continued in 2022/23 i.e. the plans attached regard current year expenditure. Officers remain hopeful of a longer term multiyear BCF framework from 2023/24 onward.

There is a recognition that the impact of the integration white paper will fundamentally change the nature of place-based governance and pooled funding. A review of section 75 has been proposed and growth of pooled budgets at a place level. However, in the current reform/transformation landscape will need time to stabilise and the BCF is the current main route of integration funding. We expect that 2023/25 will be seen as a transition period into new arrangements which maximise the opportunities of the integration white paper.

We still expect a BCF policy framework and a planning/assurance process. However, the objectives in local plans should better reflect local priorities and a focus on addressing health inequalities. We expect there might be a step change in funding allocations through the BCF to support and enable further integration at place.

Financial information

The Lincolnshire BCF has a proposed value for £279m in 2022/23. The income is comprised of:

Source	Amount	Detail
Minimum CCG Contribution	£61.8m	NHS publish allocations for each CCG from the national ringfence. Funding from the NHS to support adult social care such as reablement, carers' breaks, implementation of the Care Act.
iBCF	£34.3m	Grant funding direct to LCC for the purposes of meeting adult social care needs, reducing pressures on the NHS, supporting discharge, and ensuring the social care provider market is supported.
DFG (Disabled Facilities Grant)	£7m	Ringfenced funding which must be paid direct to the districts in full, unless agreed that the capital fund can be used for other purposes to meet the needs of disabled people
LCC held budgets (additional contributions)	£91.3m	Additional payments included within the section 75 agreement.
CCG held budgets (additional contributions)	£85.1m	Additional payments included within the section 75 agreement.

There are 47 individual schemes funded within the Lincolnshire BCF, however these can be grouped into themes as below:

	2021-22	2022-23
Summary by service provided	Outturn	Budget
Learning disabilities	86.643	88.233
Adult mental health services	85.989	90.454
Social care workforce	22.803	22.803
Social care provider market	19.318	21.478
Intermediate care	12.287	13.028
Child & adolescent mental health services	11.609	12.812
Proactive care	9.849	10.302
Disabled facilities grant	6.976	6.976
Integrated community equipment	6.507	6.804
Adult social care needs including seasonal winter pressures	5.028	3.489
Transitional beds	2.750	2.750
Integrated staffing	0.000	0.158
Surge capacity	0.000	0.179
Total	269.759	279.467

Summary

The Lincolnshire Better Care Fund is one of the largest pool funds in the Country at nearly £280m. 63% of the fundings is non-mandatory contributions from the CCG/LCC into jointly commissioned services such as learning disabilities and adult mental health services. Lincolnshire has a well-established approach which relies to a greater extent on externally commissioned providers for service delivery and therefore much of the BCF is committed in existing contracts. The emerging insights into the future of BCF suggests that a larger scope, multi-year BCF policy framework will support the transformation agenda and transition to the place-based arrangements described within the integration white paper.

2. Conclusion

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board approve the Better Care Fund plan for 2022/23. The draft narrative plan and capacity and demand template will be updated to include timescales and further detail around milestones following regional feedback and metrics provided by NHS colleagues.

3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The Council, NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board and the Lincolnshire Integrated Care Partnership must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS).

The BCF schemes within the plan, directly contribute to addressing health inequalities and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

4. Consultation

None required.

5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	The draft BCF Numerical Plan
Appendix B	The draft BCF Narrative Plan
Appendix C	The draft BCF Capacity and Demand for intermediate

6. Background Papers

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

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