

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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

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| Report to | Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Date: | 13 June 2023 |
| Subject: | Lincolnshire Better Care Fund Planning and Narrative Report 2023-25 |

Summary:

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national programme with a prescribed policy and planning framework. The BCF planning guidance for 2023-2025 (for two years) was published 5 April 2023 with a deadline for submission 28 June 2023. Attached to this report are the two 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) alongside metric ambitions and capacity and demand planning across the System. Key Lines of Enquiry set out at Tab 7. These will be used to assure the BCF plan.
- BCF Narrative Plan Template – a narrative plan must be submitted alongside the BCF Planning Template.

Actions Required:

For decision. The HWB is asked to approve the 2023/25 Lincolnshire BCF plan and narrative plan ahead of submission on 28 June 2023.

1. Background

The governance for the Better Care Fund (BCF) is prescribed within the BCF policy 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 Regional leads for assurance.

For the past 5 years the national BCF planning, and assurance framework has been “rolled on” with the planning framework and reporting requirements being confirmed within year. This year the policy framework and planning requirements have been released in early April and allowed earlier planning although the plans attached are still concerned with current financial year expenditure. The policy

framework and planning requirements however are multi-year and requires a two-year plan, 2023-2025 with more regular reporting on activity and spend.

In 2022-23 we were required to submit capacity and demand information looking at the different pathways within the hospital and the community. For this year, capacity and demand sits within the main BCF Planning document and will go towards overall assurance. Core metrics for the BCF Plan remain mainly unchanged however there is the addition of a new metric on falls.

The narrative plan for this submission covers key priorities including discharge, intermediate care, housing and unpaid carers; which the policy framework also drew particular attention to.

Financial information

The Lincolnshire BCF has a proposed value for £348.1m in 2023/24. The income is comprised of:

| Source | Amount | Detail |
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| Minimum ICB Contribution | £65.30m | NHS publish allocations for each ICB from the national ringfence. Funding from the NHS to support adult social care such as reablement, carers' breaks, implementation of the Care Act. |
| iBCF | £34.30m | 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) | £6.98m | 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) | £107.0m | Additional payments included within the section 75 agreement. |
| ICB held budgets (additional contributions) | £127.0m | Additional payments included within the section 75 agreement. |
| Discharge Fund (ICB & LCC) | £7.49m | Grant funding issued to ICB and LCC for the purpose of supporting discharge and system flow schemes. |

There are 30 individual schemes funded within the Lincolnshire BCF, however these can be grouped into themes as below:

| Summary by service provided | 2022-23 Outturn | 2023-24 Budget | 2024-25 Budget |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Learning disabilities | 89.143 | 106.081 | 108.520 |
| Adult mental health services | 90.454 | 130.166 | 130.481 |
| Social care workforce | 22.805 | 22.805 | 22.805 |
| Social care provider market | 21.910 | 21.910 | 21.910 |
| Intermediate care | 13.028 | 12.228 | 12.228 |
| Child & adolescent mental health services | 14.050 | 16.552 | 17.108 |
| Proactive care | 10.302 | 10.660 | 11.047 |
| Disabled facilities grant | 6.976 | 6.976 | 6.976 |
| Integrated community equipment | 6.250 | 6.881 | 6.881 |
| Adult social care seasonal pressures | 3.489 | 3.489 | 3.489 |
| Transitional beds | 2.750 | 2.750 | 2.750 |

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| Integrated staffing | 0.112 | 0.112 | 0.112 |
| Surge capacity | 0.179 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| New Discharge Fund | 4.953 | 7.487 | 11.501 |
| Total | 286.401 | 348.097 | 355.808 |

Note : The table above shows the Better Care Fund Contribution to the services, not the full cost of the services across Lincolnshire.

2. Conclusion

The Lincolnshire Better Care Fund is one of the largest pooled funds in the Country. Of this 63% is non-mandatory contributions from the ICB/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 multi-year BCF policy framework that has been introduced for 2023-25 will support the transformation agenda and transition to the place-based arrangements described within the integration white paper. The increased focus on discharge, housing, carers and intermediate care aligns with priorities across the Lincolnshire System.

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 JLHWS.

4. Consultation

None required.

5. Appendices

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report | |
| Appendix A | Lincolnshire BCF Plan 2023-25 |
| Appendix B | Lincolnshire BCF Narrative Report 2023-25 |

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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