



LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Martin Samuels, Executive Director Adult Care and Community Wellbeing

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	5 December 2023
Subject:	Lincolnshire Better Care Fund update

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 submitted and approved by National Partners in September 2023. Quarterly reporting is to be submitted and approved by the HWB.

Actions Required:

The HWB is asked to note the contents of the 2023 - 25 Q2 Lincolnshire BCF report.

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.

1.1 Update on Lincolnshire 2023 - 25 BCF Plans

Attached is the approval letter for the 2023 – 25 Lincolnshire BCF plans for your review.

1.2 Quarter 2 BCF reporting

As part of the BCF requirements as a system we are required to submit quarterly returns focusing on metrics and capacity and demand across the system. This report was submitted before the

deadline of the 31st of October however it requires HWB approval. An update from the reporting on current work includes the following.

- We are in the process of reviewing the estimates for demand and capacity across the system and currently the estimates remain the same. This is currently being worked on and we are expecting the first view of this information in early November.
- Two recent business cases will specifically aim to support demand and capacity, and they are focused on the Increase and extension of existing Homelink D2A pathway 1 offer and increased Active Recovery beds.
- The increased Active Recovery beds will go from 40 to 60 and are becoming available on 1st January and linked to the business case above an additional 10 beds became available during week commencing 23/10/23. This will continue to support and facilitate discharges from hospital over the winter months.
- We are also working with colleagues to utilise the market sustainability and innovation fund that has been released to the LA recently to support UEC and to offer support to our intermediate care and long-term care services offered by the council. The second tranche announced in August 2023 has a focus on mental health provision given the increased demand and cost.

2. Conclusion

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the content of this report and approval of the Q2 reporting.

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	Approval letter
Appendix B	BCF 2023 - 25 Q2 reporting template
Appendix C	BCF 2023 – 25 narrative assumptions 5.1

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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