

WOLVERHAMPTON CCG

Governing Body
11th April 2017

Agenda item 10

TITLE OF REPORT:	Better Care Fund (BCF) Planning submission 2017-19
AUTHOR(s) OF REPORT:	Andrea Smith
MANAGEMENT LEAD:	Andrea Smith
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To inform Governing Body of the recently published 2017-19 Integration and Better Care Fund Policy Framework and to request Chair's Action for approval of the BCF Plan due to restricted timeframes
ACTION REQUIRED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Assurance
PUBLIC OR PRIVATE:	This Report is intended for the public domain
KEY POINTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017-19 Integration and Better Care Fund Policy Framework was published on 31st March 2017 outlining requirements of the 2017-19 plan. • The Planning guidance is yet to be published but early indications are that the submission date for the plan is 9th May resulting in the inability to present to Governing Body ahead of submission • Delegated approval is requested (should the guidance dictate signed approval for 1st submission) in order for the plan to be submitted within the given timescales. In previous year's delegated approval was given to Dr Helen Hibbs, Accountable Officer and Claire Skidmore, CFO.
RECOMMENDATION:	That delegated approval is agreed in order for the plan to be submitted within the given timeframes. The submitted plan and update on approval will be presented to June 2017 Governing Body meeting
LINK TO BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK AIMS & OBJECTIVES:	[Outline how the report is relevant to the Strategic Aims and objectives in the Board Assurance Framework – See Notes for Further information]



1. Improving the quality and safety of the services we commission	The BCF Plan will detail how we intend to improve the quality of services we commission in Wolverhampton.
2. Reducing Health Inequalities in Wolverhampton	The BCF Plan aims to reduce health inequalities in Wolverhampton by ensuring that by mapping health and social care data the most appropriate services are commissioned to meet the demand.
3. System effectiveness delivered within our financial envelope	Utilising a pooled budget enables us to manage and commission services more effectively.

N.B. Please divide the rest of the report into Paragraphs, using numbering for easier referencing.

1. BACKGROUND AND CURRENT SITUATION

- 1.1. The Policy Framework and Planning Guidance for Better Care Fund have been delayed significantly with the guidance originally being due in Autumn 2016. The Policy Framework was published on Friday 31st March (attached). We are still unclear as to the publication date of the Planning guidance but are led to believe by the regional team that this will be published w/c 10th April.
- 1.2. The date for submission of the plan has not been confirmed but we are told that this is likely to be 9th May for the first submission.
- 1.3. If the 9th May is the first submission date we will be unable to bring the plan to Governing Body for approval prior to submission therefore delegated approval authority is being sought.

2. Development of Plan and Assurance Process

- 2.1. The plan is currently being drafted by members of the BCF Programme team from both WCCG and City of Wolverhampton Council.
- 2.2. We are led to believe that the first submission date is 9th May. There is then planned to be a local assurance process, followed by a moderation process undertaken by regional teams taking approximately 2 weeks.
- 2.3. Plans will be either:-



- “compliant” – approval by H&WBB required
 - “on track” – some issues are raised and feedback will be given but the expectation is that the plan will be compliant by the 2nd submission.
 - “off-track” – some significant concerns which will be escalated and support offered by regional team.
- 2.4. Following feedback of the assurance process there is likely to be a further two weeks to amend and finalise plans before the 2nd submission date. This second submission has to be signed by Health and Wellbeing Board. The process for this, given the restricted timeframe is being developed between CCG and CWC Programme team.
- 2.5. The plan will be a 2 year plan 2017-19
- 2.6. The national conditions have been reduced from 8 to 4. Whilst we still need to include information in the plan on all 8, the 4 conditions that we will be required to report against are:-
- Jointly agreed plans
 - Maintain Social Care
 - Commissioning out of hospital services
 - Managing Transfers of Care
- 2.7. With regard to the Pooled budget we are informed that the CCG minimum contribution must increase in line with CCG budgets and that the Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) which includes additional funding to social care announced in the Autumn and Spring budgets will be included within the pool and that the plans on how to spend this funding must be agreed between Local authorities and CCGs. The Disabilities Facilities Grant (DFG) will also, again, be included within the pool.
- 2.8. Regular meetings are underway between executives at both CCG and CWC to determine the financial value of the pooled budget. Claire Skidmore and Steven Marshall both attend these meetings.

3. CLINICAL VIEW

- 3.1. Input into the development of the plan will be sought from members of the Clinical Reference Group.

4. PATIENT AND PUBLIC VIEW

- 4.1. The BCF programme aligns with feedback form the public regarding moving care closer to home



5. KEY RISKS AND MITIGATIONS

- 5.1. Risk that the plan will be submitted prior to full approval and discussion with Governing Body members, however updates and the draft plan can be shared with members by email and delegated approval will provide assurance that the plan aligns with CCG objectives and financial plans.

6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Financial and Resource Implications

- 6.1. Both Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Chief Finance Officer are actively involved in the development of the BCF plan and the content of the Pooled Budget.

Quality and Safety Implications

- 6.2. The Draft plan will be shared with Head of Quality and Risk prior to submission

Equality Implications

- 6.3. N/A for this report

Legal and Policy Implications

- 6.4. As in previous years the pooled budget will be underpinned by a Section 75 agreement.

Other Implications

- 6.5. N/A for this report

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Date: 3rd April 2017

ATTACHED:

2017 -19 Integration and Better Care Fund Policy Framework (DoH. March 2017)

RELEVANT BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Including national/CCG policies and frameworks)

REPORT SIGN-OFF CHECKLIST

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This section must be completed before the report is submitted to the Admin team. If any of these steps are not applicable please indicate, do not leave blank.

	Details/ Name	Date
Clinical View	N/A	03.04.17
Public/ Patient View	N/A	03.04.17
Finance Implications discussed with Finance Team	Claire Skidmore/Lesley Sawrey	03.04.17
Quality Implications discussed with Quality and Risk Team	Steven Forsyth	03.04.17
Equality Implications discussed with CSU Equality and Inclusion Service	N/A	03.04.17
Information Governance implications discussed with IG Support Officer	N/A	03.04.17
Legal/ Policy implications discussed with Corporate Operations Manager	Peter McKenzie	03.04.17
Other Implications (Medicines management, estates, HR, IM&T etc.)	N/A	03.04.17
Any relevant data requirements discussed with CSU Business Intelligence	N/A	03.04.17
Signed off by Report Owner (Must be completed)	Andrea Smith	03.04.17

