

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

TITLE: Better Care Fund Plan 2021-22

Portfolio Holders:

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Purpose of the Report

To provide the Health & Wellbeing Board with details of the Oldham Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2021-22 and obtain sign off in line with the requirements of the national conditions of the BCF.

Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

1. That the Health & Wellbeing Board discusses the content of the Oldham BCF Plan and make any suggested amendments.
2. Subject to any agreed amendments Health & Wellbeing Board agrees to sign off the plan in line with the requirements of the national conditions of the BCF.

Title**1. Background**

- 1.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires local clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and local government to agree a joint plan, agreed and owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The joint plan supports integration using a pooled budget and is governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).
- 1.2 The details of the operation of the BCF are set out in two documents: *2021 to 2022 Better Care Fund policy framework* and *Better Care Fund planning requirements 2021-22*. These documents were only published in September and October 2021 and form the basis of the Oldham BCF plan for 2021-22.
- 1.3 In line with the requirements set out by government Oldham submitted its BCF Plan for 2021-22 on 16 November 2021. This was initially submitted to GM Health & Social Care Partnership as part of the agreement for regional ratification of BCF plans across Greater Manchester. The requirements allow for post-submission amendments and sign-off by HWBs in consideration of the late publication of the policy framework and planning requirements.
- 1.4 For 2021-22 the BCF plan is in two parts an overall template that provides information on income, expenditure, type of schemes funded, metrics and how the plan meets national conditions and a narrative plan outlining the key areas of focus in Oldham. This is based on the current Oldham Locality Plan.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The BCF consists of three main funding contributions: NHS CCG contribution to the BCF; the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG); and the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF).
- 2.2 The total value of the BCF in Oldham in 2021-22 is £32,869,636. This is broken down as follows for 2021-22:

Funding Sources	Income
CCG Contribution	£19,667,669
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	£2,343,287
Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)	£10,858,680
Total	£32,869,636

- 2.3 Funding is dependent on meeting the following four national conditions:

National Condition 1: a jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners signed off by the HWB

National Condition 2: NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to CCG minimum contribution

National Condition 3: invest in NHS commissioned out of hospital services

National condition 4: plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital

- 2.3 In addition, a number of required metrics are in place to address the following:
- Avoidable admissions – this focuses on unplanned hospitalization for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions and replaces the previous measure for non-elective admissions
 - Length of stay in hospital based on people staying in hospital for longer than 14 and 21 days
 - Hospital discharge to normal place of residence
 - Long-term support needs met by admittance to residential and nursing care homes
 - Reablement based on the proportion of people over 65 still at home 91 days after discharge to reablement services
- 2.4 The Oldham Plan meets both of the national financial conditions and in both cases exceeds the minimum required spend. For NHS commissioned out of hospital services the investment exceeds the required spend by £1,734,423. The NHS contribution to Adult Social Care has been increased by the 5.3% CCG minimum contribution uplift.
- 2.5 The funding is utilised across health and social care to fund a wide range of provision for residents including funding:
- Residential enablement at Butler Green and Medlock Court
 - A range of dementia services across the borough
 - Community equipment and wheelchair provision
 - Minor adaptations
 - A range of Falls Services
 - Warm Homes
 - Alcohol liaison
 - Carers support
 - Healthwatch
 - Respite Care
 - Stroke support services
 - A range of services to support hospital discharge
- 2.6 The narrative element of the plan focuses on how we will continue to deliver significant improvements in the health and wellbeing outcomes of our residents as we move towards place-based, person centred provision of care and services. It focuses on the wider determinants of health and addressing health inequalities in our footprint. It also emphasises how public services will work together to support everyone to take more responsibility for their own health. It should be noted that the Locality Plan is currently
- 2.7 There is also a focus, in the narrative plan, on both supporting discharge, on the implementation of the Disabled Facilities Grant and how we are working to address health inequalities in Oldham as specific requests were included as part of the planning process from government for details on these areas. More detailed information on the narrative plan is embedded at the end of this document.
- 2.8 Although there have been some changes to the BCF introduced this year, particularly in relation to the metrics, the government sees 2021-22 as a year of minimal change. However, following the review of the BCF in 2018 and the ongoing response to COVID-19, along with planned reform for health and social care the government has started to consider how future BCF arrangements take all of this in to account.
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- 2.9 In view of this a review of the current BCF in Oldham will be undertaken throughout 2022-23 taking in to account the government's key areas of focus and the ongoing need in the borough.
- 2.10 As highlighted previously the Oldham Plan was submitted on 16 November 2021. It was not possible given the time limits to present the plan to the HWB prior to submission due to the dates involved. The initial plan submission was signed off on behalf of the CCG and local authority by:

Mark Warren	Director Adult Social Care and Managing Director of Community Health and Social Care
Kate Rigden	Chief Finance Officer Oldham NHS (CCG)
Anne Ryans	Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) Oldham Council

- 2.11 We understand that the plan has been agreed both regionally and nationally and confirmation of this will be sent once we confirm that the HWB has signed off the plan in order to meet National Condition 1.

3. Key Issues for Health and Wellbeing Board to Discuss

- 3.1 For the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider the contents of the BCF Plan for 2021-22 and make any suggested amendments.
- 3.2 To agree whether the HWB is prepared to sign off the plan, subject to any amendments it proposes, in order to meet National Condition 1.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board agree to sign off the Better Care Fund Plan for 2021-22.
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