

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

TITLE: Better Care Fund Plan 2022-23

Portfolio Holder:

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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 2022-23 and to 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 considers the content of the Oldham BCF Plan and provide 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 details of the operation of the BCF are set out in two documents: *Better Care Fund policy framework 2022 to 2023* and *Better Care Fund planning requirements 2022-23*. These documents form the basis of the Oldham BCF plan for 2021-22.
- 1.2 In line with the requirements the Oldham BCF Plan was submitted on 26 September 2022. The process allows for submission of the plan prior to approval of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 1.3 The Oldham Plan has been approved by the regional Better Care Fund Panel and has been forwarded to the central team for sign-off.
- 1.4 For 2022-23 the BCF plan is in three parts: an overall template that provides information on income, expenditure, type of schemes funded, metrics and how the plan meets national conditions; a narrative plan outlining the key areas of focus in Oldham and a Capacity and Demand template with a focus on supporting hospital discharge.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The BCF continues to consist 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 2022-23 is £35,119,107. This is broken down as follows for 2021-22:

Funding Sources		Income
NHS Greater Manchester ICB Contribution		20,775,612
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)		2,343,287
Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)		11,187,623
Total		£35,119,107

- 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: implementing the BCF policy objectives

- 2.4 National Conditions 1-3 are the same as those set out in 2021-22. National Condition 4 has changed from improving outcomes for people being discharged to hospital in 2021-22 to requiring areas to agree a joint plan to deliver health and social care services that support improvement in outcomes against the following BCF policy objectives:
- enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
 - provide the right care in the right place at the right time.
- 2.5 There remains a focus on safe discharge from hospital but extends the requirement to promote independence and address health, social care, and the housing need of people who at risk of reduce independence.
- 2.6 Beyond the four conditions, and other grant conditions, areas have flexibility in how the fund is spent but need to agree ambitions for how spending will improve performance against the following metrics:
- avoidable admissions to hospital;
 - admissions to residential and care homes;
 - effectiveness of reablement; and
 - hospital discharges that are to the person's usual place of residence.
- 2.7 The funding is utilised across health and social care to fund a wide range of provision for residents including the following:
- 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
- 2.8 During 2021-22 a review of the funding arrangements was carried out which resulted in an updated group of services supported by the various components of the Better Care Fund. These are set out in the overall plan template and include changes to Support Living funding and funding being made available for the new Adult Referral Contact Centre (ARCC).
- 2.9 As the 2021-22 policy framework and planning guidance were delayed the narrative element of the Oldham Plan for 2022-23 continues to focus 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. This is the same approach taken in 2021-22. However, there is an additional element in the narrative plan relating support for carers. Each section has been updated to reflect changes and progress that has occurred during 2022.

- 2.10 We understand that the plan has been agreed both regionally and will be agreed nationally once we confirm that the plan has been agreed by the Health & Wellbeing Board as required under National Condition 1.
- 2.11 Going forward a new policy framework for the BCF, from 2023, including how the programme will support the implementation of the new approach to integration at a place level, relating to Integrated Care Systems, set out in the Health and Social Care integration White Paper. The BCF Support Team have indicated there will be extensive consultation and engagement with local areas in the development of the new framework.

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 2022-23 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 2022-23.