

Better Care Fund update

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<p>Summary:</p>	<p>The Better Care Fund for 2019/20 was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in September and submitted to the national team. Whilst we await the formal letter of acceptance of our plans, we are aware that the plan has been approved and validated locally and nationally.</p> <p>This paper sets out progress against the metrics and returns required as well as giving an update on the implementation of proposed new schemes.</p>					
<p>Recommendations:</p>	<p>That the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board receives for information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An update on the progress of Somerset’s Better Care Fund <p>And recommends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers its role in the oversight and shaping of the Better Care Fund 					
<p>Reasons for recommendations:</p>	<p>To regularly update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Better Care Fund in a relevant way and further the ability of the Board to shape and drive future BCF plans.</p>					
<p>Links to The Improving Lives Strategy</p>	<p>Please tick the Improving Lives priorities influenced by the delivery of this work</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 1861 1465 2112"> <tr> <td data-bbox="544 1861 1289 1989"> <p>A County infrastructure that drives productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1289 1861 1465 1989"> <p>✓</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="544 1989 1289 2112"> <p>Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1289 1989 1465 2112"> <p>✓</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>A County infrastructure that drives productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment</p>	<p>✓</p>
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	Fairer life chances and opportunity for all	✓
	Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer	✓
Financial, Legal, HR, Social value and partnership Implications:	No new implications	
Equalities Implications:	N/A	
Risk Assessment:	N/A	

1. Background

1.1. Update on the BCF planning process:

- All plans were recommended for approved by the SW assurance panel on the 10th October and duly submitted to the national team for further assurance.
- All plans and the process we followed were approved on the national calibration call on 4th November
- The next step is for the recommendations to be taken to the national Integration Partnership Board later this month and then on for final sign off at a national level.
- Approval letter was expected to be issued by mid-December

1.2. National BCF returns are now limited to quarter 2 and quarter 4 only but regular updates on Somerset's plan will come to HWB and the newly formed Joint Commissioning Board.

1.3. A snapshot of progress shows the continued growth and success of established schemes such as Home First. For the purpose of this update, there is a short update on some of the new initiatives which were highlighted in the September submission.

1.4. The 2019/20 Better Care Fund proposed an £80k investment in Trusted Assessor resource, following the blueprint of a successful scheme in Lincolnshire. The scheme will offer with the initial support of two Trusted Assessors to carry out assessments on behalf on the care and nursing home providers. The scheme is completely voluntary and there is no obligation for care providers to participate. There will be no charge to the care providers interested in taking part in this initial one-year pilot. Our trusted assessors are now in place and will begin the scheme on the 2nd December. Prior to that date they will continue to work with homes and care providers to sign them up to the scheme and ensure that they can have as wide a reach as possible.

- 1.5.** Social workers have been placed in Accident and Emergency departments this winter to add to the multi-disciplinary approach and give further options to prevent admission. Yeovil Hospital already have the staff in place and Musgrove Park will follow shortly. In addition, we have piloted placing a social worker with the South West Ambulance Service and believe that the advice and support of social work can make a real difference to people who reach out and dial 999. It is likely that we will utilise social workers with mental health experience given the conversations with SWAST.

2. Improving Lives Priorities and Outcomes

- 2.1.** The BCF aligns and supports our plans, particularly in relation to the provision of Primary Care Networks, person-centred care and a greater focus on prevention. Our BCF plan fully supports the national recognition of the wider determinants of health and wellbeing like isolation and loneliness, diet, exercise and other lifestyle choices and circumstances. Our prevention programme which is in part supported by the BCF together with our new community orientated approaches are specifically intended to help people improve and address these determinants, in a way that enhances communities and longer term creates sustainable public services.

3. Consultations undertaken

- 3.1.** N/A

4. Request of the Board and Board members

- 4.1.** Board members are asked to note the progress of the Better Care Fund in Somerset.

5. Background papers

- 5.1.** Better Care Fund submission from September the Q2 return (iBCF only requested) and the latest metrics/targets (Available on request)

6. Report Sign-Off

	Seen by:	Name	Date
Report Sign off	Relevant Senior Manager / Lead Officer (Director Level)	Trudi Grant	23/12/19
	Cabinet Member / Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Christine Lawrence	19/12/19
	Monitoring Officer (Somerset County Council)	Scott Wooldridge	Click or tap to enter a date.