

Health and Wellbeing Board

24 May 2023

Better Care Fund – End of Year Report 2022/2023

Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the attached Better Care Fund 2021/22 end of year report, submitted to the national Better Care Fund Team at NHS England.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Better Care Fund 2022/23 End of Year Template published on 4 April 2023 sets out the template for Health and Wellbeing Boards to provide end of year reporting on their Better Care Fund (BCF) plans.
- 1.2 Completed templates are required to be returned by 23 May 2023. We have submitted the template for Warwickshire noting that it is being presented to Warwickshire's Health and Wellbeing Board for formal approval on 24 May 2023.
- 1.3 Attached to this report is a copy of the completed end of year template which has been prepared on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board through the Warwickshire Joint Commissioning Board, as per our current local BCF governance arrangements.
- 1.4 The end of year report is consistent with the BCF plan for 2022/23 approved by Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board on 22 September 2022.
- 1.5 This BCF policy framework including the conditions and funding for 2023 to 2025 was published on 5 April 2023. Work is currently underway to complete the planning requirements for this period.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 All finances in the end of year report have been prepared by Warwickshire's Finance Sub-Group in which finance leads from both the local authority and Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) are represented.

- 2.2 The programme and initiatives for its success are in part funded through national grants: Better Care Fund, Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) and Disabled Facilities Grant.
- 2.3 The iBCF continues to be temporary although funding has been confirmed for a further two years as outlined in the BCF policy framework for 2023 – 2025. Specific funding to support hospital discharge has also been confirmed for this two-year period through the BCF.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The end of year report summarises outputs from Warwickshire's BCF Plan for 2022/23 and provides effective accountability for the funding, information and input for use by national partners and for use in national datasets.
- 4.2 The report summarises:
- Tab 3: Confirmation of adherence to the National Conditions
 - Tab 4: Performance against BCF Metrics
 - Tab 5: Actual Income and Expenditure
 - Tab 6: Year End Feedback on delivery of the BCF including successes and challenges.
 - Tab 7: Adult Social Care Discharge Fund

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 5.1 The BCF end of year report is consistent with the BCF plan for 2022/23 which was approved by the following:
- Warwickshire's Joint Commissioning Board - 17 August 2022
 - Warwickshire County Council People Directorate Leadership Team - 31 August 2022
 - Warwickshire County Council Corporate Board - 7 August 2022
 - Warwickshire County Council Cabinet - 8 August 2022
 - Coventry and Warwickshire ICB Finance and Performance Committee - 17 August 2022
 - Coventry and Warwickshire ICB - 21 September 2022
 - Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board - 22 September 2022.
- 5.2 The BCF for 2022/23 is underpinned by a Section 75 agreement which was signed by Warwickshire County Council and Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) in March 2023.

- 5.3 Completed templates are required to be returned by 23 May 2023. We have submitted the template for Warwickshire noting that it is being presented to Warwickshire’s Health and Wellbeing Board for formal approval on 24 May 2023.

Appendices

1. Appendix 1 – BCF End of Year submission

Background Papers

None.

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The report was circulated to the following members prior to publication:

Local Member(s): None.

Other members: Councillors Bell, Drew, Golby, Holland and Rolfe.