

**TITLE OF REPORT: Gateshead Better Care Fund Submission for 2019/20**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek the retrospective endorsement of the Health & Wellbeing Board to the Better Care Fund submission for Gateshead for 2019-20 in order to support health and social care services to provide integrated care for the benefit of local people in ways that are sustainable for the local health and care economy.

### **Background**

2. The Board considered a report at its last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September setting out the BCF submission requirements for 2019-20, arrangements for developing the Gateshead submission and an update on progress.
3. The Gateshead BCF submission for 2019-20 has been developed working closely with colleagues at Newcastle Gateshead CCG through the Integrated Commissioning group. Engagement has also taken place with partners through the Gateshead Health & Care System Meeting.
4. The submission has been finalised and was submitted to NHS England by the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> September. It has been considered by the Council's Cabinet and the CCG's Executive and is in two parts:
  - An excel Planning Template which sets out details on metrics, how national conditions will be met, proposed expenditure and supporting narrative sections.
  - A number of supporting documents that are referenced within the planning template.
5. The documents can be accessed through the following link:  
<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/3933/Gateshead-Better-Care-Fund>
6. The BCF in 2019-20 will continue to provide a mechanism for integrated approaches to health and care that support people to remain independent at home or to return to independence after an episode in hospital. The continuation of the national conditions and requirements of the BCF from 2017-19 to 2019-20 provides opportunities for health and care partners to build on their plans from 2017 to embed joint working and integrated care further.
7. A key thread which runs through our submission is that the BCF forms part of a broader picture in working towards the integration of health and care services and therefore should not be seen isolation.

## Gateshead BCF Plan Submission 2019-20

### ***National Conditions and Metrics***

8. For 2019-20, there are four national conditions relating to the BCF, similar to those for the previous round of the BCF programme:
  - (i) Plans to be jointly agreed and signed off by the HWB and by the constituent local authorities and CCGs.
  - (ii) NHS contribution to adult social care is maintained in line with the uplift to the CCG's minimum contribution.
  - (iii) Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include seven-day services and adult social care.
  - (iv) A clear plan on managing transfers of care. As part of this, all HWBs must adopt centrally-set expectations for reducing or managing rates of delayed transfers of care (DToC) during 2019/20 into their BCF plans.
9. The BCF Policy Framework set out the four national metrics for the fund, which remain as:
  - Non-elective admissions (Acute);
  - Admissions to residential and care homes;
  - Effectiveness of reablement; and
  - Delayed transfers of care (DToC).
10. All BCF plans must include ambitions for each of the four metrics and plans for achieving these are a condition of access to the fund.

#### *Delayed transfers of care (DToC)*

11. Expectations for reducing DToC will continue to be set centrally for each HWB area – for Gateshead, the DToC target for 2019/20 will continue to be based on quarter 3 performance in 2017/18 which was one of the best performing quarters (an average of 6.5 daily delays). Gateshead has made significant improvements in DToC performance over the past 2 years and has improved from 15.1 average daily delays in Quarter 1 of 2017/18 to 8.3 average daily days in Quarter 1 of 2019/20.
12. In setting targets for the other metrics, consideration has been given to performance against the targets set for 2018-19:

#### *Admissions to residential and care homes:*

The target for 2019/20 has been set as the actual outturn for 2018/19. During 2018/19, there were a total of 348 new admissions to Long Term Residential or Nursing care which exceeded the planned target of 334 admissions. The ageing population remains a significant challenge e.g. people who have dementia type illness whose needs are such that they cannot continue to live independently or with support, therefore requiring a 24-hour care setting environment. With these challenges in mind, the plan for 2019/20 has been set to maintain the 2018/19 outturn.

#### *Effectiveness of reablement:*

The target that was set for 2018/19 has been retained for 2019/20 (87.9%). During 2018/19, 84% (168 out of 200) of people aged 65 & over who were discharged from hospital into reablement during October to December 2018 and were still at home 91 days later. Performance was slightly lower than the planned target of 87.9% but improved compared to the same period in 2017/18 (80.9%).

*Non-elective admissions (Acute):*

The target for non-elective (emergency) admissions to hospital have been set based on historic growth trends (activity demand over the last 5 years) and reflects the CCG's Operating Plan previously submitted to NHS England.

**BCF Schemes 2019-20**

13. As for the previous BCF submission (2017-19), schemes are being grouped under five broad areas which reflect key priority areas and arrangements in place to address them:

- Service Transformation
- Market Shaping and Stabilisation
- Managing discharges and admission avoidance
- Planned care
- Service pressures

14. In addition, there is also specific provision for:

- Disabled Facilities Grant
- Carers

**BCF Funding**

15. Details of the BCF financial breakdown for Gateshead for 2019/20 is set out below:

<b>BCF Contribution</b>	<b>2019-20 (£)</b>
Minimum NHS (CCG) Contribution	£16,235,688 *
Disabled Facilities Grant (capital funding for adaptations to houses)	£ 1,860,611
Improved Better Care Fund	£ 9,918,556
Winter Pressures Grant	£ 1,133,285
<b>Total</b>	<b>£29,148,140</b>

\* i.e. an uplift of 4.3% on the CCG's Minimum Contribution for 2018/19

16. The Improved BCF grant will be pooled into the BCF similar to 2017-19. In addition, there is a new requirement that winter pressures funding is also pooled into the BCF from 2019-20. The BCF Plan sets out an agreed approach to the use of the

grant, including how the funding will be used to ensure capacity is available in Winter to support safe discharge and admissions avoidance.

17. The BCF submission template includes details of scheme level expenditure plans, the metrics that schemes are intended to influence and indicative outputs.

### **Plan Delivery and Governance**

18. The delivery of the plan will be governed by a Section 75 agreement which will set out respective responsibilities of the Council and CCG. Delivery will continue to be overseen by the Integrated Commissioning Group, including senior officers from the Council and CCG. Updates will also be reported regularly to the Health & Wellbeing Board.

### **Sign-off Arrangements**

19. Similar to previous years, there is a requirement that the BCF Plan submission is signed off by the Health & Wellbeing Board, the local authority and Clinical Commissioning Group.

### **Approval of BCF Plans**

20. BCF plans will be approved by NHS England following a joint NHS and local government assurance process at regional level. In addition to the national conditions and the requirement to set the four national metrics, NHS England is also placing the following requirements for approval of BCF plans:
  - That all funding agreed as part of the BCF plan must be transferred into one or more pooled funds.
  - That all plans are approved by NHS England in consultation with the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) and Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG).
21. NHS England will approve plans for spend from the CCG minimum contribution in consultation with DHSC and MHCLG as part of overall approval of BCF plans.

### **Recommendations**

22. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to endorse the 2019-20 Better Care Fund submission for Gateshead.

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