

TITLE OF REPORT: Better Care Fund: End of Year Return (2020/21)

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek the endorsement of the Health & Wellbeing Board to the Better Care Fund end of year return for 2020/21 that has been submitted to NHS England.

Background

2. The HWB approved the Gateshead Better Care Fund (BCF) submission for 2019/20 at its meeting on 18th October 2019. Due to the pandemic, NHS England indicated that there would not be a requirement, as part of national planning guidance, to submit a Plan for 2020/21. Instead, existing Plans could roll-forward to 2020/21 and it was clarified that arrangements would be put in place to provide an end of year report.
3. An end of year template was developed by NHS England for BCF areas to complete and submit as part of its monitoring arrangements.

End of Year Template Return for 2020/21

4. The arrangements for completing the return were outlined at the last Board meeting on 23rd April 2020.
5. In line with those arrangements and the timetable set by NHS England, an end of year return for 2020/21 was completed and submitted on 19th May (attached as an excel document). The return sets out the end of year position relating to funding and provides confirmation that the national conditions set by NHS England have been met. The return also provides end of year feedback covering delivery arrangements, success stories and how challenges during the year were addressed.

Proposal

6. The endorsement of the Board is sought to the BCF end of year return for 2020/21 which has been submitted to NHS England.

Recommendations

7. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to retrospectively endorse the Better Care Fund end of year return for 2020/21.

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