

TITLE OF REPORT: Better Care Fund: End of Year Return (2021/22)

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek the retrospective endorsement of the Health & Wellbeing Board to the Better Care Fund end of year return for 2021/22 submitted to NHS England (NHSE).

How does the report support Gateshead's Health & Wellbeing Strategy?

2. The Better Care Fund supports the policy objectives of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 'Good Jobs, Homes, Health and Friends' and, in particular, the focus on strengthening the role and impact of ill health prevention and enabling people to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives.

Background

3. The HWB approved the Gateshead Better Care Fund (BCF) submission for 2021/22 at its meeting on 10th December 2021. NHS England has re-commenced its monitoring arrangements for the BCF and has sought an end of year return to be submitted.

End of Year Template Return for 2021/22

4. In line with the deadline set by NHS England, an end of year return for 2021/22 was submitted on the 25th of May. The return set out the end of year position relating to meeting national conditions, funding, performance against BCF metrics and narrative sections on highlights and feedback.

Proposal

5. The endorsement of the Board is sought to the BCF end of year return for 2021/22 which has been submitted to NHS England (attached).

Recommendations

6. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to retrospectively endorse the Better Care Fund return for 2021/22.

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