

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Slough Wellbeing Board

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### **PART I**

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2019-20**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to provide the Wellbeing Board with the final Slough Better Care Fund Plan 2019-20

##### **2. Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

The Board is asked to note the content of the Slough Better Care Fund Plan 2019-20 which was submitted on behalf of the Board on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 under delegated decision to the Director of Adult Social Care.

The Health and Social Care Partnership reviewed and agreed the proposed plan in the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Following submission the plan goes through a regional and national assurance process which involves representatives from NHS England and the Association of Adult Social Services (ADASS). The plan will be published on the SBC website once it has been approved.

##### **3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

###### **3a. Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

The Better Care Fund programme is developed and managed between the local authority and CCG together with other delivery partners and aims to improve, both directly and indirectly, the wellbeing outcomes for the people of Slough in the areas of:

- i) increasing life expectancy by focussing on inequalities and
- ii) Improving mental health and wellbeing.

###### **3b. Five Year Plan Outcomes**

The Slough BCF programme contributes to achieving the five year plan outcome of more people will take responsibility and manage their own health, care and support needs.

#### 4. Other Implications

##### (a) Financial

The size total size of the BCF Pooled Budget in 2019-20 is £14,406,490. This includes a minimum contribution of £9,070,057 from the CCG, the Winter Pressures Grant equal to £515,453, and the iBCF (grant funding to local authority) of £3,356,669.

	Expenditure
Minimum CCG Contribution	£9,070,057
iBCF	£3,356,669
Winter Pressures Grant	£515,453
Additional LA Contribution	£459,000
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	£1,005,311
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,406,490</b>

The expenditure plan is across 44 schemes listed and described in the plan which is agreed and managed between the partners of the pooled budget agreement. These are listed in appendix B.

##### (b) Risk Management

The Health and Social Care Partnership is the Programme Board for the BCF and oversees and monitors a risk register for the BCF programme. The register identifies and scores risks of delivery of the programme together with actions to mitigate or manage the risks.

##### (c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

No Human Rights implications arise.

There are legal implications arising from how funds are used, managed and audited within a Pooled Budget arrangement under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006.

The Care Act 2014 provides the legislative basis for the Better Care Fund by providing a mechanism that allows the sharing of NHS funding with local authorities.

##### (d) Equalities Impact Assessment

The BCF aims to improve outcomes and wellbeing for the people of Slough through effective protection of social care and integrated activity to reduce emergency and urgent health demand. Impact assessments are undertaken as part of planning of any new scheme or project to ensure that there is a clear understanding of how various groups are affected.

##### (e) Workforce

There are workforce development implications as we move forward in the integration of health and social care service. The pooling of budgets and closer collaborative working to deliver integrated care is creating new ways of working in partnership with others and BCF is therefore aligned together with other change programme activities happening across the wider Frimley Integrated Care System (ICS) including the Integrated Care

Decision Making programme and the local integration of health, social care and other services into localities across Slough.

5. **Supporting Information**

Supporting information is within the contents of the plan (see appendix A &B).

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

The draft plan was presented and discussed at the Health and Social Care Partnership on 24<sup>th</sup> September ahead of its submission. The outline of the plan was agreed by the committee and comments were noted for final revision and submission on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

7. **Conclusion**

The Better Care Fund programme has continued to develop and grow over the past four years and is a key element through which we continue to progress towards integrated health and social care services within Slough. The governance around finance and the management of the programme is now well established and embedded with a shared approach to commissioning and decision making between the partners.

The increase in funding in this year has supported investment in areas of shared priority where they meet BCF criteria and have evidenced impact and improved outcomes. In addition the continuation of the iBCF grant funding has made a significant contribution to meeting social care needs in the borough, both in support of the NHS and the local social care market. Without this additional investment there would be reduction in activity and numbers of people supported or budgets overspent.

8. **Appendices Attached**

‘A’ - BCF Narrative Plan submission 2019-20

‘B’ - Expenditure Plan 2019-20