

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Slough Wellbeing Board

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PART I

FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION

BETTER CARE FUND PROGRAMME 2019-20 – ANNUAL REPORT

1. **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Slough Wellbeing Board as a summary of the key areas of activity and outturn position of the Better Care Fund (BCF) programme for Slough in 2019-20.

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

The Wellbeing Board is requested to note the content of the report outlining the progress and delivery of the BCF Programme for 2019-20

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

The Better Care Fund programme is developed, agreed and managed between the local authority and the East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) together with other delivery partners aims to improve, both directly and indirectly, the health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Slough. The annual BCF plan is written and produced in accordance with the guiding policy criteria and framework published by the national team.

3a. **Slough Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

The BCF programme is jointly governed between the Council and CCG together with local partners and is a key enabler through which Slough coordinates and progresses towards its priority of integration of health and social care services.

The activities within the programme are broad in scope and collectively aim to address, or contribute significantly to a number of areas of need identified in the JSNA. This includes the improvement of health in Slough's adult population through risk stratification and proactive early interventions with people at risk of disease and ill health.

BCF also encompasses enabling people to age well by promoting good health and maximising independence but also by provision of short-term support and reablement when required, or help navigate to other sources of support.

There are also elements included that support children and young people in areas such as asthma management and support to young carers.

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

The Slough BCF programme contributes to achieving the five year plan outcome that our people will be healthier and manage their own care needs.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

The BCF programme is supported through a pooled budget arrangement. The total pooled budget for 2019-20 was £14.406m. The expenditure plan has 42 separate schemes of activity and services commissioned between the partners. These are listed at the end of the Annual Report in appendix A.

(b) Risk Management

The BCF programme has a risk register in place which is overseen and monitored by the Health and Social Care Partnership. 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 schemes or projects to ensure that there is a clear understanding of how various groups may potentially be affected.

(e) Workforce

There are workforce implications for the future as we further develop our model of integration for Health and Social Care. Currently we have multi-disciplinary teams working closely together who are employed by different partner organisations. This collaboration and cooperation will over time lead towards new ways of working in partnership with others which will be aligned together with other

significant change management programmes such as that within the Frimley Integrated Care System workforce development programme and the newly emerging primary care networks.

5. **Supporting Information**

See Annual Report – Appendix 1

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

The BCF Annual Report will also be presented to and discussed with the Health and Social Care Partnership.

7. **Conclusion**

The Better Care Fund programme has continued through 2019-20 to support Slough's progress towards integrated health and social care services. The shared plan and the programme of activity has been successful in achieving improvements against the performance metrics as well as deliver a balanced budget at year end.

8. **Appendices Attached**

'A' - BCF Annual Report 2019-20

9. **Background Papers**

'1' BCF Planning Template submission 2019-20

'2' BCF Q4 return 2019-20