

## RUTLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

21 March 2023

### BETTER CARE FUND

### (INCLUDING THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE DISCHARGE FUND)

#### Report of the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Care

Strategic Aim:	All	
Exempt Information	No	
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#### DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1. Notes the content of the report.
2. Notes the Rutland 2022-23 Better Care Fund Adult Social Care Discharge Fund fortnightly reports which have been submitted to the BCF national team since 6 January 2023.
3. Notes preparations undertaken for 2023-24 BCF programme plans.

#### 1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on the 2022-23 Better Care Fund Adult Social Care Discharge Fund (BCF ASC) reporting and preparation undertaken for 2023-24 BCF programme plans.

#### 2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The annual 2022-23 BCF Plan was signed off by the HWB chair and was submitted

to the national BCF team on 29 September 2022. The BCF ASC is an addendum to this 2022-23 BCF Plan.

2.2 On 22 September 2022, the government announced its 'Plan for Patients' which committed £500 million for the rest of the financial year, to support timely and safe discharge from hospital by reducing the number of people delayed in hospital awaiting social care. The funding has been distributed to local authorities and ICBs to pool into the local BCF. In line with usual BCF requirements, the use of both elements of this funding must be agreed between local health and social care leaders. The funding must complement plans for improving discharge outcomes under condition 4 of the main BCF plan.

2.3 BCF National condition 4: 'implementing the BCF objectives' requires areas to agree a joint plan to deliver health and social care services that support improvement in outcomes against the fund's 2 policy objectives. These are: enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer; people have the right care at the right place at the right time.

ASC DF **funding conditions** include:

- Funding should only be used on permitted activities that reduce flow pressure on hospitals...by enabling more people to be discharged to an appropriate setting, with adequate and timely health and social care support
- Funding should prioritise those approaches that are most effective in freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds and reducing the bed days lost
- Local areas should submit fortnightly reports setting out what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plan

2.4 Health and social care partners across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) worked together to agree schemes which would benefit discharge processes at both Place and System levels. There are also schemes specific to Rutland at Place level.

2.5 The BCF ASC DF **plan** was submitted to the national BCF team on 16 December 2022. The plan is a record of planned expenditure for a number of schemes to facilitate discharge from hospital, in line with the requirements of the 11 funding conditions.

2.6 The first **report** was submitted to the national BCF team on 6 January 2023. This detailed information including the number of discharges from hospital, number of hours of domiciliary care commissioned and the amount of the BCF ASC DF spent over the previous 14 days.

2.7 Further **reports** have been submitted at 14-day intervals. These have reported BCF ASC DF expenditure including:

- Reablement beds commissioned at Rutland Care Village
- Overtime payments for staff to facilitate hospital discharges over bank holidays.
- Retention bonuses through fuel allowances for MiCare domiciliary care staff

- These schemes have contributed to the flow of Rutland residents being discharged from hospital in a timely manner to appropriate discharge destinations. This has promoted their health and wellbeing and has aided the health system to free up much needed hospital beds for further patients.

## 2.8 Income:

Funding for 2022-23 ASC DF is set out in Table 1.

**Table 1: BCF budget for 2022-23**

Source of Funds	(£)
ICB	155,271
LA Grant	113,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>268,371</b>

## 2.9 Expenditure:

Planned spend on the ASC DF is £286,371. Rutland's BCF ASC DF plan was approved by John Morley on behalf of the Council. All three LLR plans went to the LLR ICB Executive Management Team on for ICB approval. The HWB Chair approved the Rutland plan on behalf of the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board prior to its submission on 16/12/22.

- 2.10 **2023-24 BCF budget levels** are starting to be received from NHSE. It is hoped that full budgetary information and criteria for use of BCF monies will be received soon. In preparation, budget holders for 2022-23 have begun to review their schemes and are considering best use of funding for the next period.

## 3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Not applicable at this time.

## 4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Not applicable at this time.

## 5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 As in previous years, local partners have proceeded to deliver the current year's BCF programme 'on trust', based on consensus across the Council and ICB, pending national publication of guidance. This continues to be the case with this ASC DF.

## 6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The plans have been produced with involvement and input from ICB. The plans received sign off by the Executive Team at the ICB.

## 7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no new Data Protection implications. The annual report contains only anonymised data.

## **8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (MANDATORY)**

8.1 Not applicable to the annual report.

## **9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no identified community safety implications from this report.

## **10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The Better Care Fund programme is an important element of Rutland's response to enhancing the health and wellbeing of its population. This report sets out that Rutland continues to be committed to improving the outcomes of the population.

## **11 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS (MANDATORY)**

11.1 The Committee is recommended to note the Rutland 2022-23 Better Care Fund Adult Social Care Discharge Fund report fortnightly submissions and preparations undertaken for the 2023-24 BCF programme plans.

## **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

## **13 APPENDICES**

13.1 There are no appendices to the report.

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