

Title: Better Care Plan 2021/22

Wards Affected: All

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a programme spanning both the NHS and local government which seeks to join-up health and care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing, and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.
- 1.2 The BCF has been created to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society, placing them at the centre of their care and support, and providing them integrated health and social care services, resulting in an improved experience and better quality of life.
- 1.3 The Better Care Fund is a pooled fund derived from a series of funding sources. One element of the funds is the Improved Better Care Fund which in itself has several elements and there are different conditions attached to the provision and expenditure of funds within it.
- 1.4 The attached report details how the Better Care Fund will be used in 2021/22.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is asked to support:
 1. A commitment to transformative care learning from the initiatives and taking the momentum from successes to date to deliver improvements in patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction), improvements across the health of populations, and reducing the per capita cost of health care and deliver the goals of the NHS Long Term Plan.
 2. The recognition of the pace of change required with the demographic, workforce and care demand drivers being faced.
 3. The proposals made in the accompanying report, for them to be taken through due governance, to deliver a transformation in Torbay's care

provision for the wellbeing of the population including those working and caring within it.

3. Supporting Information

3.1 See Appendix 1 Torbay Better Care Fund Narrative 2021/22

3.2 See Appendix 2 Torbay Better Care Fund Template 2021/22

4. Relationship to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

4.1 The demand and costs to the system relating to the key challenges evidenced in the JSNA 2018-2020 will increase unless transformative action is applied to those challenges. The transformation that is taking place with the new model of care responds to these challenges and the constant endeavour to improve client and patient experience. Working in an integrated way is key to achieving transformation and addressing the wider determinants of health.

4.2 Better Care Fund, and particularly the iBCF, is there to support the development of an integrated system and seamless transfers of care with a stable and supported provider market delivering services that reduce the pressures on the NHS. This remains a focus with reference to transforming care to meet the challenge of an optimised care system designed through improving the patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction), improving the health of populations, and reducing the per capita cost of health care, as well as reducing demand and costs in social care.

4.3 The BCF and iBCF recognise the JSNA's prevention opportunities: the upstream-downstream opportunities to reduce costs, and as health improvement opportunities to prevent the need for treatment services are more cost effective than treating people, to tertiary prevention that aims to prevent the worsening or repeat need for treatment

5. Relationship to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

5.1 Within the BCF narrative and ASC Improvement Plan schemes in progress there are many that will support the preventative and early intervention strategies. With the projected demand on services and the recent workforce reports from Health Education England (190,000 more staff 2027) and Skills for Care (700,000 more staff by 2030) excluding the factor associated with a compound effect of annual turnover requiring in excess of 1 million new workers in the current 'as-is' system, it is clear that the support must be focussed on accelerating a transformation to a new model of care. This requires the engagement of and delivery models with an increasingly broad range of stakeholders and the community themselves. The development of a care-force beyond a workforce requires a shift in tasks and costs. Along with this is the care of those that are caring. Wellbeing and the devolvement of action to an up-skilled and technologically enabled care-force with solid infrastructure and oversight is essential.

6. Implications for future iterations of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and/or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- 6.1 Nothing is needed to change in future versions of the JSNA and/or JHWS as a result of what the Better Care Fund Board are asking the Health and Wellbeing Board to do in relation to the Better Care Fund 2021/22 Plan

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Torbay Better Care Fund Narrative

Appendix 2 – Torbay Better care Fund Template

Background Papers

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

NHS Long Term Plan, <http://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/>

Better Care Fund, <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/part-rel/transformation-fund/bcf-plan/>

2018-2020 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Torbay,
<http://www.torbay.gov.uk/DemocraticServices/documents/s50293/JSNA%20Appendix%201.pdf>