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**Health and Social Care Better Care Fund  
 Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 1 2019/20**

**1.Executive Summary**

- 1.1 At its March 2019 meeting the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) agreed the revised 2019/20 budgets for the Better Care Fund (BCF), this report updates the ICB and the Strategic Place Board (SPB) with the Quarter 1 (April to June 2019) budget monitoring for the BCF for the financial year 2019/20.
- 1.2 Disabled Facility Grant (DFG) allocations for 2019/20 have been confirmed since the last update to ICB in March. Rochdale's allocation is £2.633m, an increase of £193k from the amount initially expected. The revised allocation has been reflected in Table 2 below and ICB are asked to agree its use in line with the revised budgets in the table.
- 1.3 The 2019/20 CCG minimum contribution requirements were confirmed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. For HMR CCG, this has been set at £17,044,502, a 5.6% increase on the 18/19 minimum requirement, and the CCG has increased its contribution to match this. This has resulted in an additional contribution of £265k, which has been added to the funding of Social Care in Table 1.
- 1.4 A risk has been highlighted in previous reports around the treatment of VAT on purchases of equipment for the equipment loan store, following advice the LA are now confident that the treatment is correct and there is no risk. Consequently the provision being held in the LA accounts will be added back into the 2019/20 BCF as a one year only additional budget. It is recommended that both partners agree to release this one year benefit to go against the 2019/20 pooled budget gap, the amount is £401.6k.

## **2.Recommendation**

- 2.1 ICB notes the Quarter 1 monitoring information as at June 2019 period end.
- 2.2 ICB notes that there are contingencies being held for budgets not yet allocated in 2019/20. The revenue position is currently showing a forecast underspend of £38k and there is £122k of unallocated DFG. The requirement to allocate these funds will be monitored as the year progresses.
- 2.3 ICB agrees the allocation of the VAT provision into the 2019/20 BCF to be used as a one-off resource against the pooled gap in 2019/20.
- 2.4 ICB Notes the carry forward of £572k of capital budgets for the development of integrating Adult Social Care and Health and for DFG adaptations to the Autism Project.
- 2.5 ICB notes the revised allocation of DFG budgets detailed in Table 2b following confirmation of the 2019/20 allocation.
- 2.6 ICB notes that the minimum CCG contribution for 2019/20 has now been confirmed, resulting in additional £265k being added to the Better Care Fund.

## **3.Reason for Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Strategic Place Board (SPB) have ultimate sign off of the BCF budget as mandated in the BCF Policy Framework and Planning Guidance. The SPB have delegated responsibility for the BCF to the ICB. The revised 2019/20 budget for the BCF was agreed by the ICB in March 2019, this report provides monitoring against those budgets as at June period end.
- 3.2 We have yet to receive notification on whether Greater Manchester BCF partners will receive graduation, and therefore quarterly planning templates are still required in 2019/20.

## **4.Key Points for Consideration**

- 4.1 The BCF revised budget was set at the ICB meeting in March 2019 in line with the BCF Policy Framework and Planning Guidance for 2017-19.
- 4.2 The partners must have a Section 75 agreement to support the BCF budget and this was approved by the ICB at its September 2017 meeting and has now been updated and forms part of the overall pooled Health and Social Care Section 75 agreement for 2019/20.

### **Alternatives Considered**

- 4.3 It is a requirement of the NHSE guidance to produce a budget for 2019/20 which the ICB approved at its March 2019 meeting. This report updates the monitoring against the 2019/20 budget which is a requirement of the Section 75 agreement. Therefore there are no alternatives to consider.

## 5.Costs and Budget Summary

5.1 Table 1 shows the updated 2019/20 revenue budget and the forecast financial position.

**Table 1 Revenue Budget and Forecast at June period end**

Line No	Scheme	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Spend/ Committed Quarter 1	2019/20 Forecast	Variance
		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
	<b><u>Revenue Expenditure</u></b>				
1	Funding of Social Care Services 2019/20	18,467,255	4,616,814	18,467,255	-
2	Additional Funding in Adult Social Care notified in Spring Budget 2017	1,568,389	392,097	1,568,389	-
3	Care Act Implementation	201,469	50,367	201,469	-
	<b><u>Carers Services</u></b>				
4	Carers -universal services	407,840	101,960	407,840	-
5	Carers night sitting service - dementia	80,000	20,000	80,000	-
	<b>Carers sub total</b>	<b>487,840</b>	<b>121,960</b>	<b>487,840</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b><u>Reablement Services</u></b>				
6	Reablement - dementia support workers	85,115	21,279	85,115	-
7	Reablement - Intermediate Care dementia flexible workers	63,048	15,762	63,048	-
8	Reablement - mental health outreach workers	104,712	26,178	104,712	-
9	Reablement - memory clinic dementia workers	49,866	12,467	49,866	-
10	Reablement - carers life after stroke	135,306	33,827	135,306	-
11	Reablement - equipment loan store	953,491	218,751	953,491	-
	<b>Reablement sub total</b>	<b>1,391,538</b>	<b>328,264</b>	<b>1,391,538</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b><u>Intermediate tier service</u></b>				
12	Reablement (STAR's) plus to support the new service	183,448	45,862	183,448	-
13	Pennine Acute ITS contract	5,788,919	1,447,230	5,788,919	-
14	Pennine Acute CQUIN - new funding from CCG	72,361	18,090	72,361	-
15	Winter Pressure Funding Expenditure	1,108,358	277,090	1,108,358	-
16	Contingency for revenue schemes	68,447	-	30,000	- 38,447
	<b>Intermediate Care sub total</b>	<b>7,221,533</b>	<b>1,788,272</b>	<b>7,183,086</b>	<b>- 38,447</b>
	<b>Total Revenue Expenditure</b>	<b>29,338,024</b>	<b>7,297,774</b>	<b>29,299,577</b>	<b>- 38,447</b>
	<b><u>Income</u></b>				
17	Contribution from CCG	- 17,044,502	- 4,261,126	- 17,044,502	-
18	Contribution from LA	- 9,616,775	- 2,404,194	- 9,616,775	-
19	Contribution from LA additional Grant notified in 2017 Spring Budget	- 1,568,389	- 392,097	- 1,568,389	-
20	Contribution from LA - Winter Pressure Funding 2019/20	- 1,108,358	- 277,090	- 1,108,358	-
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>- 29,338,024</b>	<b>- 7,334,507</b>	<b>- 29,338,024</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>(Surplus) income over expenditure</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,733</b>	<b>38,447</b>	<b>38,447</b>

5.2 Since the March Budget position, the following changes have been made:-

- The CCG contribution to the BCF has been increased by £264,868 to meet the minimum contribution level, which was confirmed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. The expenditure budget has been added to the funding of social care services.
- The Pennine Acute ITS contract is higher than reported in March due to a budget setting error related to the CQUIN calculation, and budget has been moved from contingency to cover this increase.

The remaining contingency budgets are £68k, although there is expected spend of £30k against this leaving £38k as the forecast underspend

5.3 The capital DFG budget is included in tables 2a/2b below. The figures in table 2a include the revised 2019/20 capital allocation and the capital grant carried over from 2019/20.

Capital Budget Carry Forwards of £572k were agreed to be brought forward to 2019/20. £150k is set aside for Adaptations to the planned Autism Project, although this project has yet to commence. The remaining £422k has been identified to fund the capital costs in relation to Adult Social Care and Health integration hubs across the 6 localities.

**Table 2a 2019/20 Capital Budgets and Forecasts at June period end**

Line No	Capital Schemes	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Spend/ Committed Quarter 1	2019/20 Forecast	Variance
		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
1a	Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)- 2019/20 (see allocation below)	2,632,865	854,735	2,632,865	0
	<b>Total DFG in allocation below</b>	<b>2,632,865</b>	<b>854,735</b>	<b>2,632,865</b>	<b>0</b>
2	Capital Grant carried over from 2018/19				
2a	DFG- Adaptations to Autism Project	150,000	0	150,000	0
2b	Adult Social Care and Health Integration Hubs	422,253	0	422,253	0
	<b>Total Capital Schemes</b>	<b>3,205,118</b>	<b>854,735</b>	<b>3,205,118</b>	<b>0</b>
3	Contribution from LA	-3,205,118	-854,735	-3,205,118	0
	<b>Total Capital Contributions</b>	<b>-3,205,118</b>	<b>-854,735</b>	<b>-3,205,118</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>(Surplus) Contribution over expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

5.4 There are currently no variations expected against the revised 2019/20 DFG

programme overall, see table 2b below, but there is a need to vire between budget heads to realign budgets based on current forecast expenditure plans. Progress on the DFG budgets will be updated in future monitoring report to the ICB.

**Table 2b Allocation of DFG Budget and Forecast included in table 2a above**

Line No	Allocation of DFG	2019/20 Budget	2019/20 Spend/ Committed Quarter 1	2019/20 Forecast	Variance
		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
4	Main DFG Budget(including additional amount)	590,000	278,973	600,000	10,000
5	Fast Track DFG	1,100,000	504,266	1,222,865	122,865
6	DFG Top Up Grants	50,000	7,298	40,000	-10,000
7	Minor Adaptations	100,000	12,400	100,000	0
8	Assistive Technology	180,000	23,000	180,000	0
9	Dementia / Falls / Excess Cold grants	50,000	6,000	50,000	0
10	Stair Lift replacement programme	100,000	20,000	100,000	0
11	Adaptations repairs	35,000	1,000	35,000	0
12	Housing Options for Older People (HOOP) service	40,000	0	40,000	0
13	Care Home grants	200,000	1,798	200,000	0
14	Contribution to RBH new build properties for service users who we are unable to adapt for	50,000	0	50,000	0
15	Walking aids	15,000	0	15,000	0
16	Contingency	122,865	0	0	-122,865
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,632,865</b>	<b>854,735</b>	<b>2,632,865</b>	<b>0</b>

5.4 Table 3 below shows a progress report on each of the schemes in the DFG

programme.

**Table 3 Details of Proposed DFG Schemes 2018/19**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Update June 2019</b>
Main DFG Budget (including additional amount)	Increase in referrals in 19/20, which is often reflected in spend 6 months later. Demand continues to be high.
Fast Track DFG	As above. The non means tested grant is benefitting many people who would otherwise need to make a contribution and potentially not proceed. Administratively more efficient too.
DFG Top Up Grants	1 case fully paid. Several others with a potential top up being worked up to approval stage.
Minor Adaptations	Demand for the larger minor adaptations still high. Many undertaken by property services and costs don't always come through on a monthly basis, so spend often takes a few months to catch up
Assistive Technology	AT purchases as and when required. Increase in referrals and promotional work being undertaken should result in an increase throughout the remainder of the year.
Dementia / Falls / Excess Cold grants	Referrals still coming through but need to promote more widely. Comms working with Home Improvement Agency to generate more interest
Stair Lift replacement programme	Continue to replace stair lifts over 5 years old, not a significant number left and some need to go through legal as service users refusing to have them replaced.
Adaptations repairs	Numerous cases being worked on.
Housing Options for Older People (HOOP) service	Payment is made to Rochdale Boroughwide Housing in Quarters 2 and 4.
Care Home grants	Considering a number of options, but need to ensure links to the wider work around shared care records and graphnet
Contribution to RBH new build properties for service users who we are unable to adapt for	1 build ongoing for 2 disabled children, so it is likely the full £50,000 will be spent by Q3.
Walking aids	Expecting to fund a further £15,000 of walking aids as part of joint prevention work with falls team.
Contingency	To be allocated in line with demand if scheme budgets become overcommitted.

**6.Risk and Policy Implications**

- 6.1 Any risk of operating the BCF in 2019/20 is covered in the Section 75 agreement which was agreed by the ICB in September 2017 and has now been updated and included in the revised Section 75 report for the whole of the pooled Health and Social Care budgets.
- 6.2 Most of the budgets in the BCF are fixed price contracts but there are demand led budgets which could pose a financial risk mainly around the provision of equipment. Regular monitoring will allow commissioners to mitigate any risks and contingencies are included in both the capital and revenue budgets which could be used to mitigate risks.

<b>7.Consultation</b>
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- 7.1 There is no requirement for consultation on the contents of this report other than with the partners i.e. the CCG and the LA. Relevant officers from both organisations have been consulted on the content of this report.

<b>8.Background Papers</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>
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| 8.1 LA Monitoring working papers<br>CCG Monitoring working papers | Number 1 Riverside<br>Number 1 Riverside |
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