

Report to Integrated Commissioning Board



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Health & Social Care - Better Care Fund Budget Monitoring Quarter 2 2020/21

Executive Summary

- 1.1 At its May 2020 meeting the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) agreed the revised 2020/21 budgets for the Better Care Fund (BCF), this report updates the ICB and the Strategic Place Board (SPB) with the Quarter 2 (April to September 2020) budget monitoring for the BCF for the financial year 2020/21.

Recommendation

- 2.1 ICB notes the Quarter 2 monitoring information as at Sept 2020 period end.
- 2.2 ICB notes that there are contingencies being held for budgets not yet allocated in 2020/21 of £37k and a forecast underspend against the equipment store budget of £118k giving a total forecast revenue underspend of £155k.
- 2.3 ICB notes the forecast underspend against capital budgets of £318k in relation to the Autism Project adaptations (£150k) and the INT hubs (£168k), both of which are now expected to be spent in 2021/22.

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 2020/21 budget for the BCF was agreed by the ICB in May 2020, this report provides monitoring against those budgets as at September period end.

Key Points for Consideration

- 4.1 The BCF revised budget was set at the ICB meeting in May 2020 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. This has been updated and forms part of the overall pooled Health and Social Care Section 75 agreement for 2020/21 reported to July ICB.

Alternatives Considered

- 4.3 It is a requirement of the NHSE guidance to produce a budget for 2020/21 which the ICB approved at its May 2020 meeting. This report updates the monitoring against the 2020/21 budget which is a requirement of the Section 75 agreement. Therefore there are no alternatives to consider.

Costs and Budget Summary

5.1 Table 1 shows the updated 2020/21 revenue budget and the forecast financial position.

Table 1 Revenue Budget and Forecast at September period end

Line No	Scheme	2020/21 Budget	2020/21 Spend/ Committed Quarter 2	2020/21 Forecast	Forecast Variance
	<u>Revenue Expenditure</u>	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
1	Funding of Social Care Services	19,163,202	9,581,601	19,163,202	-
2	Additional Funding in Adult Social Care notified in Spring Budget 2017	1,568,389	784,195	1,568,389	-
3	Care Act Implementation	205,498	102,749	205,498	-
	<u>Carers Services</u>				
4	Carers -universal services	408,681	204,341	408,681	-
5	Carers night sitting service - dementia	81,600	40,800	81,600	-
	Carers sub total	490,281	245,141	490,281	-
	<u>Reablement Services</u>				
6	Reablement - dementia support workers	86,817	43,409	86,817	-
7	Reablement - Intermediate Care dementia flexible workers	64,309	32,155	64,309	-
8	Reablement - mental health outreach workers	110,681	55,341	110,681	-
9	Reablement - memory clinic dementia workers	52,708	26,354	52,708	-
10	Reablement - carers life after stroke	138,689	69,345	138,689	-
11	Reablement - equipment loan store	974,945	341,622	857,271	(117,674)
	Reablement sub total	1,428,149	568,226	1,310,475	(117,674)
	<u>Intermediate tier service</u>				
12	Reablement (STAR's) plus to support the new service	187,117	93,559	187,117	-
13	Pennine Acute ITS contract	5,933,642	2,966,821	5,933,642	-
14	Pennine Acute CQUIN - new funding from CCG	74,170	37,085	74,170	-
15	Winter Pressure Funding Expenditure	1,108,358	554,179	1,108,358	-
16	Contingency for revenue schemes	68,242	31,000	31,000	(37,242)
	Intermediate Care sub total	7,371,529	3,682,644	7,334,287	(37,242)
	Total Revenue Expenditure	30,227,048	14,964,556	30,072,132	(154,916)

	Income				
17	Contribution from CCG	(17,933,566)	(8,966,783)	(17,933,566)	-
18	Contribution from LA	(9,616,735)	(4,808,368)	(9,616,735)	-
19	Contribution from LA additional Grant notified in 2017 Spring Budget	(1,568,389)	(784,195)	(1,568,389)	-
20	Contribution from LA - Winter Pressure Funding	(1,108,358)	(554,179)	(1,108,358)	-
	Total Income	(30,227,048)	(15,113,525)	(30,227,048)	-
	(Surplus) income over expenditure	0	(148,969)	(154,916)	(154,916)

- 5.2 There is a forecast underspend of £118k against the reablement equipment budget the majority of which is due to £85k of equipment purchased being rechargeable against the Covid Hospital Discharge programme.
- 5.3 Since the last update, £31k of BCF Contingency has been used to fund the Urgent Treatment Centre highways signage leaving an unallocated contingency balance of £37k.
- 5.4 Overall this provides a forecast in year saving of £155k. This position will continue to be monitored and a decision made on how this funding will be used at a future ICB.
- 5.5 The full BCF guidance for 2020/21 has yet to be issued, which may impact on the minimum allocation towards the protection of Adult Social Care and could reduce the level of contingency available. An update will be provided to ICB once the full guidance is issued.
- 5.6 The capital DFG budget is included in tables 2a and 2b below. The figures include the 2020/21 capital allocation and the balance carried over from 2019/20.
- 5.7 Capital Budget Carry Forwards of £635k were agreed to be brought forward to 2020/21. £72k of this carry forward relates to DFG budgets, £150k is set aside for Adaptations to the planned Autism Project, and the remaining £413k has been earmarked to fund the capital costs in relation to Adult Social Care and Health integration hubs across the 6 localities.
- 5.8 As at the end of September there is a forecast underspend of £318k against the capital budget. The £150k budget identified for adaptations to the Autism Project is not expected to be required until 2021/22, and £168k of spend on INT hubs is also forecast to be delayed until 2021/22. Any unspent budget as at the 31st of March will be carried forward to 2021/22.

Table 2a 2020/21 Capital Budgets and Forecasts at Sept period end

Line No	Capital Schemes	2020/21 Budget	2020/21 Spend/ Committed Quarter 2	2020/21 Forecast	Variance
		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
1a	Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)- 2020/21 (see allocation below)	2,705,512	727,535	2,705,512	0
	Total DFG in allocation below	2,705,512	727,535	2,705,512	0
2	Capital Grant carried over from 2019/20				
2a	DFG- Adaptations to Autism Project	150,000	0	0	(150,000)
2b	Adult Social Care and Health Integration Hubs	412,965	110,658	245,000	(167,965)
	Total Capital Schemes	3,268,477	838,193	3,268,477	(317,965)
3	Contribution from LA	(3,268,477)	(838,193)	(3,268,477)	317,965
	Total Capital Contributions	(3,268,477)	(838,193)	(3,268,477)	317,965
	(Surplus) Contribution over expenditure	0	0	0	0

5.9 The DFG programme was put on hold due to Covid and social distancing requirements, however spend was incurred for projects already underway that were completed in early 20/21. The DFG programme resumed in July and due to the high levels of demand is currently forecast to be fully spent in year. See table 2b below for details on spend against each scheme.

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

Line No	Allocation of DFG	2020/21 Budget	2020/21 Spend/ Committed Quarter 2	2020/21 Forecast	Variance
		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
4	Main DFG Budget	2,176,865	572,318	2,192,865	(16,000)
5	DFG Top Up Grants	10,000	11,559	15,000	(5,000)
6	Minor Adaptations	160,000	50,000	160,000	0
7	Assistive Technology	75,000	20,000	75,000	0
8	Dementia, Falls and Excess Cold Payments	10,000	1,211	10,000	0
9	Repairs to Adaptations	20,000	0	20,000	0
10	Housing Options for Older People (HOOP) service	40,000	20,000	40,000	0
11	Care Homes Offer	96,000	52,447	75,000	21,000
12	Contribution to RBH new build properties for service users who we are unable to adapt for	45,000	0	45,000	0
13	Contingency	72,647	0	72,647	0
	Total	2,705,512	727,535	2,705,512	0

5.10 Table 3 below shows a progress report on each of the schemes in the DFG programme.

Table 3 Details of DFG Schemes 2020/21

Scheme	Update September 2020
Main DFG Budget	Whilst activity was quite limited between April - August, due to the programme being suspended because of Covid, we have slowly started to resume the programme and given the backlog, number of cases in the system and increased demand, depending on how quickly contractors can work, the supply chain remaining strong and no further Covid measures affecting the programme between October - 31 March 2021, a small overspend may result
DFG Top Up Grants	
Minor Adaptations	The number of minor adaptations has been lower than usual due to Covid. If minor adaptations remain at pre-Covid levels from now until 31/3/2020, we will achieve spend of £160,000
Assistive Technology	This is currently forecast to be spent in line with budget.
Dementia, Falls and Excess Cold Payments	Activity levels have been reduced due to Covid, but expected to achieve spend as demand returns to normal levels
Repairs to Adaptations	No repair works have been completed due to Covid but there are several with works imminently due to start and numbers of referrals have increased during the last 2 months
Housing Options for Older People (HOOP) service	This spend will be incurred later in the year but we are committed to paying £40,000 to fund the post at RBH.
Care Homes Offer	A number of care homes haven't been able to proceed with their installations due to Covid but the commitment has already been made with the provider for systems to be installed post lockdown. Depending on how the Covid measures continue to affect this, some homes may not be able to complete their installations before 31/3/21.
Contribution to RBH new build properties for service users who we are unable to adapt for	Building works are nearing completion
Contingency	The level of demand in the system should lead to the contingency being fully utilised, depending on progress on the programme post Covid.

Risk and Policy Implications

- 6.1 Any risk of operating the BCF in 2020/21 is covered in the Section 75 agreement which was agreed by the ICB in September 2017. This has been updated and forms part of the overall pooled Health and Social Care Section 75 agreement for 2020/21 reported to July ICB.
- 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.

Consultation

- 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.

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
8. LA Monitoring working papers CCG Monitoring working papers	Number 1 Riverside Number 1 Riverside

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