

Report to Integrated Commissioning Board



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Health & Social Care Better Care Fund Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 1 2021/22

Executive Summary

1. At its March 2021 meeting the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) agreed the revised 2021/22 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 2021) budget monitoring for the BCF for the financial year 2021/22.

Recommendations

- 2.1 ICB notes the Quarter 1 monitoring information as at June 2021 period end.
- 2.2 ICB notes that there are contingencies being held for budgets not yet allocated in 2021/22 of £403k offset by a forecast overspend against the equipment store budget of £75k giving a total forecast revenue underspend of £328k.
- 2.3 ICB notes the forecast underspend against capital budgets of £1,238k in relation to the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and approves the carry forward of any unspent capital budgets to 2022/23.

Reason for Recommendation

3. 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 2021/22 budget for the BCF was agreed by the ICB in March 2021, this report provides an update on the forecast position against those budgets.

Key Points for Consideration

- 4.1 The BCF revised budget was set at the ICB meeting in March 2021 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 2021/22 reported to June 2021 ICB.

Alternatives Considered

- 4.3 It is a requirement of the NHSE guidance to produce a budget for 2021/22 which the ICB approved at its March 2021 meeting. This report updates the monitoring against the 2021/22 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 2021/22 revenue budget and the forecast financial position as at the end of June 2021.

Table 1 Revenue Budget and Forecast at June period end (Quarter 1)

Line No	Scheme	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 Forecast	Variance
	<u>Revenue Expenditure</u>	£'s	£'s	£'s
1	Funding of Social Care Services	19,740,347	19,740,347	-
2	Additional Funding in Adult Social Care notified in Spring Budget 2017	1,568,389	1,568,389	-
3	Care Act Implementation	205,498	205,498	-
	<u>Carers Services</u>			
4	Carers -universal services	397,750	397,750	-
5	Carers night sitting service - dementia	81,600	81,600	-
	Carers sub total	479,350	479,350	-
	<u>Reablement Services</u>			
6	Reablement - dementia support workers	86,817	86,817	-
7	Reablement - Intermediate Care dementia flexible workers	64,309	64,309	-
8	Reablement - mental health outreach workers	111,234	111,234	-
9	Reablement - memory clinic dementia workers	52,972	52,972	-
10	Reablement - carers life after stroke	137,474	137,474	-
11	Reablement - equipment loan store	979,820	1,054,609	74,789
	Reablement sub total	1,432,626	1,507,415	74,789
	<u>Intermediate tier service</u>			
12	Reablement (STAR's) plus to support the new service	187,117	187,117	-

13	Pennine Acute ITS contract	5,963,310	5,963,310	-
14	Pennine Acute CQUIN - new funding from CCG	74,541	74,541	-
15	Winter Pressure Funding Expenditure	1,108,358	1,108,358	-
16	Contingency for revenue schemes	403,254	-	(403,254)
	Intermediate Care sub total	7,736,580	7,333,326	(403,254)
	Total Revenue Expenditure	31,163,180	30,834,715	(328,465)
	Income			
17	Contribution from CCG	(18,869,698)	(18,869,698)	-
18	Contribution from LA	(9,616,735)	(9,616,735)	-
19	Contribution from LA additional Grant notified in 2017 Spring Budget	(1,568,389)	(1,568,389)	-
20	Contribution from LA - Winter Pressure Funding	(1,108,358)	(1,108,358)	-
	Total Income	(31,163,180)	(31,163,180)	-
	(Surplus) income over expenditure	0	(328,465)	(328,465)

5.2 There is a forecast overspend against the reablement equipment loan store of £75k, due to high demand in quarter 1 for emergency same day/ next day deliveries linked to supporting hospital discharge. This will continue to be monitored throughout the year and practitioners have been asked to ensure emergency deliveries are only used where necessary.

5.3 There is a BCF Contingency balance of £403k this year, due to the relatively small inflationary increase on health contracts and LA pay freeze. Part of this balance is expected to be required to offset the increased costs against the reablement store, and options are being considered for how the remainder will be utilised.

5.4 The net revenue forecast position as at the end of June is an under spend of £328k.

5.5 The capital DFG budget is included in tables 2a/2b below. The figures include the 2021/22 capital allocation and the balance carried over from 2020/21 of £1.576m.

5.6 The majority of the budget carry forward (£1.196m) relates to DFG budgets as Covid restrictions led to significant delays and backlogs in 2020/21. Although there is significant demand for DFG spend due to the backlog, difficulties in recruitment means that the full budget is unlikely to be spent, and it is forecast that £1.239m will be carried forward to 2022/23.

5.7 The remainder of the carry forwards includes £150k set aside for Adaptations to the planned Autism Project, and £230k earmarked to fund the capital costs in relation to Adult Social Care and Health integration hubs across the 6 localities.

5.8 Table 2a 2021/22 BCF Capital Forecast

Line No	Capital Schemes	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 Forecast	Variance
		£'s	£'s	£'s
1a	Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)- 2021/22	2,987,389	1,749,117	(1,238,272)
1b	Disabled Facilities Grant Brought Forward from 2020/21	1,195,883	1,195,883	0
	Total DFG in allocation below	4,183,272	2,945,000	(1,238,272)
2	Capital Grant carried over from 2020/21			
2a	DFG- Adaptations to Autism Project	150,000	150,000	0
2b	Adult Social Care and Health Integration Hubs	229,921	229,921	0
	Total Capital Schemes	4,563,193	3,324,921	(1,238,272)
3	Contribution from LA	(4,563,193)	(3,324,921)	1,238,272
	Total Capital Contributions	(4,563,193)	(3,324,921)	1,238,272
	(Surplus) Contribution over expenditure	0	0	0

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

Line No	Allocation of DFG	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 Forecast	Variance
		£'s	£'s	£'s
4	Main DFG Budget	2,325,000	2,325,000	0
5	DFG Top Up Grants	60,000	60,000	0
6	Minor Adaptations	25,000	25,000	0
7	Assistive Technology	30,000	30,000	0
8	Dementia, Falls and Excess Cold Payments	180,000	180,000	0
9	Repairs to Adaptations	150,000	150,000	0
10	Housing Options for Older People (HOOP) service	40,000	40,000	0
11	Care Homes Offer	35,000	35,000	0
12	Contribution to RBH new build properties for service users who we are unable to adapt for	100,000	100,000	0
13	Contingency	1,238,272	0	(1,238,272)
	Total	4,183,272	2,945,000	(1,238,272)

Risk and Policy Implications

- 6.1 Any risk of operating the BCF in 2021/22 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 2021/22 reported to June ICB.
- 6.2 The majority of 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. 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	Number 1 Riverside
	For further information about this report or access to any background papers contact Gareth Davies	Gareth Davies (for Adult Care Directorate & Public Health & Integrated Directorate) Tel: 01706924888 gareth.davies@rochdale.gov.uk