

Report to Integrated Commissioning Board



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Health & Social Care Better Care Fund Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 2 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 2 (April to September 2021) budget monitoring for the BCF for the financial year 2021/22.

Recommendations

- 2.1 ICB notes the Quarter 2 monitoring information as at September 2021 period end.
- 2.2 ICB notes that there are contingencies being held for budgets not yet allocated in 2021/22 of £291k offset by a forecast overspend against the equipment store budget of £52k giving a total forecast revenue underspend of £239k.
- 2.3 It is recommended that ICB approve the transfer of £185k from the unallocated contingency budget towards the funding of social care to support forecast growth and transition costs within Adult Social Care.

- 2.4 ICB notes the forecast underspend against capital budgets of £1,163k 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 September 2021.

Table 1 Revenue Budget and Forecast at September period end (Quarter 2)

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	209,094	209,094	-
	<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	88,336	88,336	-
7	Reablement - Intermediate Care dementia flexible workers	65,434	65,434	-
8	Reablement - mental health outreach workers	112,852	112,852	-
9	Reablement - memory clinic dementia workers	53,743	53,743	-
10	Reablement - carers life after stroke	137,474	137,474	-
11	Reablement - equipment loan store	994,444	1,046,505	52,061
	Reablement sub total	1,452,283	1,504,344	52,061
	<u>Intermediate tier service</u>			
12	Reablement (STAR's) plus to support the new service	190,392	190,392	-
13	Pennine Acute ITS contract	6,050,076	6,050,076	-

14	Pennine Acute CQUIN - new funding from CCG	75,626	75,626	-
15	Winter Pressure Funding Expenditure	1,108,358	1,108,358	-
16	Contingency for revenue schemes	291,484	-	(291,484)
	Intermediate Care sub total	7,715,936	7,424,452	(291,484)
	Total Revenue Expenditure	31,165,789	30,926,366	(239,423)
	<u>Income</u>			
17	Contribution from CCG	(18,872,307)	(18,872,307)	-
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	(31,165,789)	(31,165,789)	-
	(Surplus) income over expenditure	0	(239,423)	(239,423)

- 5.2 There is a forecast overspend against the reablement equipment loan store of £52k, due to high demand 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 Since the quarter 1 report the budgets have been updated to reflect a proposed pay increase of 1.75% for Local Authority staff (although the final percentages are yet to be confirmed), and H2 guidance has provided an increase on the contracts within the BCF amounting to a 1.96% compared to 20/21 contract values. This has reduced the amount of contingency available to £291k this year. Part of this balance is expected to be required to offset the increased costs against the reablement store.
- 5.4 The net revenue forecast position as at the end of September is an under spend of £239k. It is recommended that £185k of the contingency balance is used to increase the contribution to Social Care Services on an ongoing basis as Adult Social Care are forecasting significant growth and transitional

pressures over the medium term. This will leave a balance of £106k in Contingency and a net underspend of £54k as at the end of September.

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 **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	1,824,117	(1,163,272)
1b	Disabled Facilities Grant Brought Forward from 2020/21	1,195,883	1,195,883	0
	Total DFG in allocation below	4,183,272	3,020,000	(1,163,272)
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	3,399,921	(1,163,272)
3	Contribution from LA	(4,563,193)	(3,399,921)	1,163,272
	Total Capital Contributions	(4,563,193)	(3,399,921)	1,163,272
	(Surplus) Contribution over expenditure	0	0	0

5.7 **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
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		£'s	£'s	£'s
4	Main DFG Budget	2,325,000	2,500,000	175,000
5	DFG Top Up Grants	60,000	10,000	(50,000)
6	Minor Adaptations	25,000	20,000	(5,000)
7	Assistive Technology	30,000	15,000	(15,000)
8	Dementia, Falls and Excess Cold Payments	180,000	150,000	(30,000)
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	3,020,000	(1,163,272)

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