BRIEFING	то:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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	TITLE:	Section 75 Framework Agreement and Better Care Fund Call-Off Partnership / Work Order 2022/23

Background

1.1 The Section 75 Agreement and Better Care Fund Call-Of Partnership / Work Order for 2022/23 and accompanying report has previously been signed off at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 23rd November 2022.

However, on 18th November 2022, an Addendum to the BCF Policy Framework and Planning Requirements has been published which sets out conditions, monitoring and reporting arrangements for the Adult Social Care Discharge Funding for 2022/23. The additional funding amounts to a total of £2.773 million of funding for Rotherham Place partners for the remainder of 2022/23.

This funding also needs to be pooled into local HWB Section 75 agreements which needs to be used to reduce flow pressure on hospitals, including in mental health inpatient settings, by enabling more people to be discharged to an appropriate setting, with adequate and timely health and social care support over the winter period.

Key Issues

2.1 The BCF Plan for 2022/23 has now been formally approved and approval letters have been issued by the BCF national team giving formal permission to spend (SYICB minimum) on 9th January 2023.

Revised governance arrangements and Terms of Reference for each of these groups are set out in the BCF Call-Off Partnership / Work Order for 2022/23 which has been revised in consultation with key partners including RMBC and SYICB (Rotherham Place), Directorate Leadership Team, BCF Executive Group and legal and finance teams.

The governance arrangements are now robust, ensuring that meetings are held regularly face to face and coincide, wherever possible, with the Health and Well Being Board. The governance framework also ensures that membership is aligned to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

This partnership will work across all Partners to ensure effective delivery of the ambitions set out in the BCF metric plans. The SYICB (Rotherham Place) and Council have agreed a risk fund, spread across the two pooled budgets, which will be used to fund any shortfall due to targets being missed, or unexpected overspends.

On 18th November 2022, the Government confirmed that South Yorkshire ICB (Rotherham Place) will receive £1.652 million of the Adult Social Care Discharge funding and the Council has also been allocated £1.121 million of the fund. Therefore, this amounts to a total of £2.773 million of funding for Rotherham Place partners for the remainder of 2022/23. This funding will need to be spent from 13th December 2022 until 31st March 2023. This funding also needs to be included in the BCF Call-Off Partnership / Work Order for 2022/23

The proposed spend plan for the Adult Social Care Discharge funding was approved by the BCF Executive on 13th December 2022, in line with the Government deadline of 16th December 2022. This will mainly support new initiatives that will help people leave hospital. This may improve the Council financial position if demand reduces elsewhere.

The details of the two pooled funds are set out in the BCF Call Off Partnership/Work Order. In brief, there are two funds within the £49.246m BCF Plan for 2022/23. One fund, hosted by the SYICB, is valued at £13.152m and the other fund, hosted by the Council, is valued at £36.104m. Both funds sit under the same Section 75 Framework Agreement which provides governance for the BCF plan.

In line with previous years the BCF Risk Pool will be utilised to contribute to the increase in demand for reablement, to support hospital discharges and brokerage support

Risk sharing agreements have been agreed to protect both parties from areas of overspend and financial risk

Key Actions and Relevant Timelines

The BCF national team have confirmed that Rotherham BCF Plan has now been approved for 2022/23 and approval letters have been issued giving formal permission to spend (NHS Minimum) on 9th January 2023.

The next stages in the process are as follows:

- Section 75 Framework Agreement (Appendix 1) and Better Care Fund Call-Off Partnership / Work Order 2021/22 (Appendix 2) will need to be signed by both partner organisations and in place by 31st January 2023
- Adult Social Care Discharge Fund needs to be fully utilised by 31st March 2023.
- Complete end of year report by 2nd May 2023.

Implications for Health Inequalities

4.1 There is a recognition by the South Yorkshire ICB that tackling Health Inequalities (HI) is integral to everything the system needs to do to keep people healthy and independent and reduce statutory service demand.

BCF funded schemes which reduce health inequalities includes:

- Social Prescribing programme which provides interventions on tobacco, weight, alcohol, physical activity, obesity reduction, smoking cessation and diabetes prevention programmes.
- Breathing Space is also delivering respiratory services within the Right Care pathway.
- Project support for the implementation of Population Health Management (PHM) priorities

Recommendations

- 5.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board approves the:
 - (I) Section 75 Framework Agreement and Better Care Fund (BCF) Call-Off Partnership / Work Order for 2022/23.