

b) Agree that, if there is not an appropriate HWB meeting scheduled, sign off of Norfolk's first BCF submission would be delegated to the HWB Chair and Vice Chairs to meet the submission deadlines.

c) Endorse the funding proposals for the additional County Council allocation for Adult Social Care detailed in Section 4.2 and Appendix 3

1. Background

- 1.1 Since the Better Care Fund Plan for 2016/17 was approved, the Norfolk the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) has been developed and sets out a vision for Health and Social Care for the next five years. The overall direction of travel in the BCF Plan aligns to that of the STP.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 8 February 2017, the HWB approved the overall strategic direction of BCF for 2017/19, and in April 2017, Adult Social Care Committee agreed the principles and stipulations on the Additional Social Care funding (IBCF).
- 1.3 Further work has been undertaken to identify how this money will be utilised in Norfolk to meet social care need, reduce pressures on the NHS and stabilise the care market. The County Council's Adult Social Care Committee will further consider these proposals on 10 July 2017. Section 5.2 outlines the proposals here in more detail.
- 1.4 NHS England published the BCF Policy Framework on 31 March 2017, however, the deadline for submission has yet to be confirmed. Further information about the Policy Framework is given in Appendix 2.

BCF and the STP

- 1.5 Delivery of the BCF is now supported through the STP Prevention, Primary and Community Care (PPCC) workstream so ensuring consistent join up and collaboration across the health and social care system.

2. Overview of BCF 2016/17

- 2.1 A review of how Norfolk is performing against the key BCF metrics:
 - a) We have not reached our targets for decreasing Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) for acute hospitals overall, though DTOC remains very low and under the identified target at James Paget and Queen Elizabeth hospitals.
 - b) Countywide we have reduced Non-Elective Admissions and have reached our target overall, although we continue to have higher admissions, which are above target, in Great Yarmouth and Waveney.
 - c) Norfolk has consistently exceeded its target for the effectiveness of re-ablement with over 90% people reabled remaining independent after 91 days.
 - d) Permanent admissions to residential and nursing care have reduced overall in the last two years. However recent increases in admissions have resulted in all localities not meeting their admissions targets in 16/17. A scrutiny process and action plans have been implemented in order to reduce admissions, and sustain that reduction.
- 2.2 There remains however, significant work to do to improve flow through the system and the overall quality and coherence of care which the BCF Plan seeks to address over the next two years.

3. BCF 2017-19 and the vision, ambition and integration plan

- 3.1 At its meeting on 26 April 2017, the HWB received a report outlining the developing Norfolk vision, ambition and integration plan, including priority areas of work. Since then the BCF Plan has been aligned with the vision and guiding principles established within the Norfolk and Waveney STP and delivery of the BCF Plan is supported by the PPCC workstream. The content and detail of the proposed BCF narrative is in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The April report also outlined the Policy Framework and the need for partners, amongst other things, to agree how this spending will improve performance in the four mandatory metrics. Since that report, Norfolk has agreed to include a local metric on increasing the rate of dementia diagnosis. The metrics are provided in section 8 of the BCF Plan (Appendix 1). An outline of the Policy Framework and the Norfolk response is at Appendix 2.

4. Finance / IBCF

- 4.1 In 2016-17 NCC agreed two S75 legal agreements with all Norfolk CCGs. A one year agreement to govern overall BCF expenditure and one for the protection of social care (POSC). The three year POSC agreement remains in place until 2018/19. However a new agreement will need to be put in place for the BCF in 17/18 when formal allocations are published.

Additional Funding for Adult Social Care

- 4.2 The Chancellor's Budget in March 2017 announced £2bn additional non-recurrent funding for social care, of which Norfolk can expect £18m in 2017/18, followed by £11m in 2018/19 and £6m in 2019/20. This additional funding is required to be pooled through the BCF but will be paid directly to local authorities from the Department for Communities and Local Government.
- 4.3 The conditions stipulate that the additional funding for adult social services, paid directly to local authorities, does not replace, and cannot be offset against, the NHS minimum contribution to adult social care. Grant conditions note that the grant can only be used for the purposes of meeting social care needs, reducing pressures on the NHS and ensuring that the local social care provider market is supported.
- 4.4 Appendix 3 details the proposals for this funding. The additional funding will support management of overall system pressures and will be subject to Norfolk County Council (NCC) agreement through its Adults Social Care (ASC) Committee. In conjunction with partners, funding will be agreed in line with the following priorities:
- a) Protection of social care
 - b) Sustaining the social care framework
 - c) Investing in social care

5. Governance

- 5.1 Governance of the BCF is provided by the HWB with support provided through the Prevention, Primary and Community Care workstream of the STP.
- 5.2 CCG Chief Officers and the Executive Director for ASC provide oversight for the programme and monitor and support delivery.

