

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board

DATE: 19th January 2022

REPORTING OFFICER: Director Adult Social Services

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Better Care Fund (BCF) 2020 – 21 Plan and
BCF Planning Template for 2021/22

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Better Care Fund Plan 2020/21 and Planning Template for 2021/22, for retrospective approval following its submission in mid-November and successful regional assurance (subject to HWBB sign-off).

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

(1) The BCF Plan for 2020/21 and Planning Template for 2021/22 are approved.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 BCF Planning Guidance 2020/21

As reported to the Board in January 2020, the guidance and templates from NHS England for the BCF Plan 2020/21 were postponed and were not published until September 2021. Systems were asked to prioritise continuity of provision, social care and system capacity and roll forward schemes from 2019/20, which is what Halton have done.

3.2 Halton's BCF Plan for 2020/21 is attached at Appendix 1 and confirms:

- How we've engaged with stakeholders;
- Governance arrangements including the new ways of working for One Halton;
- Approach to integration;
- Supporting Discharge from Hospital (National condition 4);
- Disabled Facilities Grant and wider services; and
- Equality and Health Inequalities.

BCF Planning Template for 2021/22 (Appendix 2)

3.3

This includes Halton's plans for 2021/22 encompassing:

- Expenditure Plan (tab 5a) and the integrated schemes that form part of the plan;
- Metrics (tab 6) including actuals for 20/21 and planned metrics for 21/22 with narrative to support this rationale; and
- Confirmation of planning requirements (tab 7)

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified at this stage.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Better Care Fund sits within the wider pooled budget arrangement and the financial context of the local health and social care environment. The pooling of resources and integrating processes and approach to the management of people with health and social care needs will support effective resource utilisation.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **A Healthy Halton**

Developing integration further between Halton Borough Council and the NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group will have a direct impact on improving the health of people living in Halton. The plan that is developed is linked to the priorities identified for the borough by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Management of risks associated with service redesign and project implementation are through the governance structures outlined within the Joint Working Agreement.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified at this stage.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.