

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board (HWB) BCF Sub Committee</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Chief Finance Officer (CCG) and Deputy Chief Executive (S151 Officer) (SMBC)</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Better Care Fund Year End Return 20/21</b>

## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To receive the Better Care Fund (BCF) End of Year Return 20/21 and provide an update on the finance performance of the BCF as at 31 March 2021 (Quarter 4).

## **2. Introduction**

- 2.1. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic NHSE/I agreed that formal BCF plans did not need to be submitted or assured in 2020/21. However Health & Wellbeing Boards (HWB) were still required to approve plans locally and prioritise continuity of provision, social care capacity and system resilience and with local agreement roll forward schemes from 2019/20 where appropriate. This was the approach taken by the Stockport system which was approved by the HWB BCF subcommittee on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- 2.2. In addition systems are required to submit an end of year return confirming that the national conditions have been met, total spend from the mandatory funding sources and a breakdown of agreed spending on social care from the CCG minimum contribution.
- 2.3. The national conditions for the BCF in 2020/21 are:
  - Plans covering all mandatory funding contributions have been agreed by HWB areas and minimum contributions are pooled in a section 75 agreement (an agreement made under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006).
  - The contribution to social care from the CCG via the BCF is agreed and meets or exceeds the minimum expectation.
  - Spend on CCG commissioned out of hospital services meets or exceeds the minimum ringfence.
  - CCGs and local authorities confirm compliance with the above conditions to their Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- 2.4 The end of year return attached as Appendix 1 confirms that all of the above national conditions have been met.
- 2.5 The deadline for systems to submit their end of year return is 24 May 2021.

## **3. Financial Performance 2020/21**

- 3.1. Actual spend for the year was £32.771m, an under spend of £1.731m against the planned expenditure of £34.502m, variances are illustrated in Table 1 below.

### 3.2. **Table 1**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Variance Over / (Under) spend (£000s)</b>	<b>Lead Commissioner</b>
LD Tenancy (Stockport Road)	81	LA
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) (Capital)	(1,812)	LA
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1,731)</b>	

### 3.3. **Council**

#### Learning Disability Tenancy – Stockport Road Apartments – overspend £0.081m

The overspend was due to the staffing provision required to support complex individuals in receipt of services. This was exacerbated by the additional financial pressures of Covid-19 and supporting clients within Stockport Road apartments who may otherwise have accessed alternative day provision services.

#### Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) – capital - underspend of £1.812m

The DFG outturn position includes the additional £0.342m the Council received from the announcement on the 8<sup>th</sup> December by MHCLG of an additional £68m nationally for the DFG in 2020/21.

There was a significant impact on the delivery of the DFG programme in 2020/21 due to Covid-19. Alongside this expenditure within Adult Social Care (ASC) equipment services was retained within the ASC revenue outturn position, this reduced the level of anticipated expenditure against the DFG at outturn.

This creates the opportunity for increased investment into other capital programmes which align to the associated grant conditions, which includes for example the Care Academy at the former St Thomas's site.

The DFG continues to support mandatory provision alongside capital investment into a number of appropriate non-mandatory schemes aligned to Adult Social Care.

Further collaboration is taking place between a number of Council services, aligned to the grant balances, to continue to develop innovative schemes to support individuals at home.

#### 3.4. **Stockport CCG**

There are no variances reported by the CCG.

Additional detail of the BCF financial performance by scheme is provided in Appendix 2.

### **4. Recommendations**

#### 4.1 The Board are recommended to:

- (i) Approve the 2020/21 BCF End of Year Return.
- (ii) To note the finance performance of the BCF as at 31 March 2021