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| <b>To:</b>                        | Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board   | <b>Date:</b>   | 26th September 22 |
| <b>From:</b>                      | Kathryn Warnock – South Tees Integration Programme Manager  | <b>Agenda:</b> | Item 5            |
| <b>Purpose of the Item</b>        | To seek formal approval from the Board of the 2022/23 Better Care Fund (BCF) Plans for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland                                 |                |                   |
| <b>Summary of Recommendations</b> | Board members are asked to<br>a) Note the national BCF planning requirements and conditions<br>b) Review and endorse the BCF Plans submitted to NHS England |                |                   |

## 1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. To seek formal approval from the Board of the 2022/23 Better Care Fund (BCF) Plans for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) have published a Policy Framework for the implementation of the Better Care Fund (BCF) in 2022-23. The framework forms part of the NHS mandate for 2022-23.

2.2 The use of BCF mandatory funding streams (NHS minimum contribution, Improved Better Care Fund grant (iBCF) and Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) must be jointly agreed by integrated care board (ICB) and local authority to reflect local health and care priorities, with plan signed off by Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). BCF plan should include stretching ambitions for improving outcomes against the national metrics for the fund. No new metrics have been introduced for 2022-23.

2.3 The two objectives for 2022-23 BCF are:

- i. Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer.
- ii. Provide the right care in the right place at the right time.

2.4 National condition four of the BCF has been amended to reflect these two objectives and now requires HWB to agree an approach within the BCF Plan to make progress against these objectives in 2022-23.

2.5 South Tees BCF Implementation and Monitoring Group worked together to draft the narrative and planning templates. They were submitted to our local Better Care

Manager for initial review and feedback on 29<sup>th</sup> August, as recommended nationally. These draft templates were also reviewed by the Health and Wellbeing Executive on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

The feedback was positive with only a few minor points highlighted. We updated the templates in response and the plans will be endorsed by the South Tees Executive Governance Board – 20<sup>th</sup> September.

We are confident that our plans meet the national conditions and will contribute to delivery of the metrics, and we present them for formal approval by the Board.

### **3 HOW THE BCF SCHEMES CONTRIBUTE TO ADMISSION AVOIDANCE AND DISCHARGE HOME AND IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR OUR RESIDENTS**

- 3.1** At the Live Well South Tees Board Meeting there will be an opportunity to hear from a number of schemes that are currently funded through the Better Care Fund in order to support admission avoidance and hospital discharge.

### **4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1** That Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board approve the Better Care Fund plans for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland

### **5 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 5.1** BCF Planning and Narrative templates for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland will be distributed following endorsement at South Tees Executive Governance Board on 20<sup>th</sup> September

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