

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Relevant Officer:	Karen Smith, Director of Adult Social Services / Director of Health and Care Integration, Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up: People
Date of Meeting:	13 December 2023

BLACKPOOL PLACE-BASED PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – BETTER CARE FUND

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on recent progress and developments regarding Blackpool’s Place-based partnership specific to the Better Care Fund (BCF)

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To support, in principle, the future delegation of Better Care Fund budgets from Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board to place localities, as part of the implementation of the Place Integration Deal and note a proposal has been developed to undertake an independent review of our existing Better Care Fund arrangements.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To review the overall Better Care Fund spend together and in a coordinated way as a first step to developing a consistent approach that will both enable economies of scale on an Lancashire and South Cumbria footprint and allow for tailoring at place level to meet the differing population need and inequality prevalence.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is: “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”.

6.0 Background information

6.1 Better Care Fund arrangements vary across the four place-based partnerships within Lancashire and South Cumbria (LSC) largely due to legacy Clinical Commissioning Group arrangements, so the proposed review will look to improve;

- Understanding - What the six Better Care Fund currently fund in each of the four places.
- Assurance – Value for money, return on investment and maximum impact on outcomes.
- Alignment - identify where schemes are or could be better aligned across the four places and opportunities for consistent Lancashire and South Cumbria approach, as outlined within our Place Integration Deal.
- Clarity of purpose – statutory role, responsibilities, governance, and accountabilities for Better Care Fund through the six Health and Wellbeing Boards in Lancashire and South Cumbria aligned to national guidance.
- Transparency – joint Integrated Care Board and Council review of what is jointly funded through Better Care Fund and associated funding decisions.

To enable this review a high level proposal has been approved ‘in principle’ by Partners in Care and Health (PCH) and Local Government Association (LGA) to fund external and independent support to facilitate this work. Partners in Care and Health and Local Government Association partners are already working with our Lancashire and South Cumbria Places on reviews of their Better Care Fund arrangements which offers us the opportunity to link and align these various pieces of work.

The project scope to commission this facilitation is currently in development. Place and Integrated Care Board colleagues will be heavily involved in both the development of the scope and the selection of the most appropriate organisation to work with.

It is important to review the Better Care Fund spend together and in a coordinated way as a first step to developing a consistent approach that will both enable economies of scale on a Lancashire and South Cumbria footprint and allow for tailoring at place level to meet the differing population need and inequality prevalence.

6.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 4a – Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board Specification

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None presently.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 An underlying theme of Place-based partnerships is to improve people's health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities that exist in Blackpool. It is not anticipated that this work would adversely impact on key protected equality groups.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 Reducing Blackpool's contribution to the climate crisis and creating resilience to respond to the worst impacts of climate change is an opportunity to protect health.

12.2 Examples of how the work of the Place-based partnership could promote healthy living while reducing environmental impacts include promoting active travel, reducing the carbon footprint of healthcare facilities, and ensuring that new programmes support the local environment.

12.3 However, programmes of work are still in development.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.

