

**Integrated Commissioning Board Priorities**  
**Briefing Note – Health and Wellbeing Core Joint Sub-Committee**  
**January 2020**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this briefing note is to provide an update to the Health and Wellbeing Core Joint Sub-Committee on progress of the following:

- Better Care Fund Planning for 2020-21
- Priorities of the Integrated Commissioning Board

**BCF Planning 2020-21**

NHS England approval for 2019/20 plans was recently received in January 2020.

We will be required to submit new plans for 2020/21. We will be required to submit new BCF plans for 2020/21. However, based on previous year's experiences, we anticipate that there is likely to be delays from NHS England in relation to national guidance. Whilst there is a lack of official national guidance, we are progressing local planning based on the following assumptions:

- BCF will continue at a similar level of funding as this year;
- It will be a 1 year planning cycle for 2020/21;
- National delays shouldn't prevent us from reviewing progress to date to inform recommendations into next financial year, with a view that we will have local agreement on allocations early in the 2020/21 financial year

A detailed baseline evaluation is being undertaken of the BCF, which aim to increase awareness of the financial allocations amongst commissioners and wider stakeholders, whilst evaluating impact of the current investment to inform future recommendations. The ICB is working to the following principles for inclusion in the 2020/21 plans:

- Full transparency of financial allocations;
- Reassurance that continuity of current investment into 2020/21 is having an impact in the right places and considering flex of investment where practical to do so and supported by evidence based recommendations;
- Refreshing plans to reflect local joint commissioning principles and priorities, including supporting place based provision of services and alignment with wider STP plans
- Refreshing targets for performance metrics; non-elective admissions, delayed transfers of care (DTOC), permanent residential admissions and effectiveness of reablement.

Whilst the ICB is providing oversight of this work, a BCF working group has been established to support undertaking the detailed evaluation.

A detailed overview of financial allocations has been developed and discussed at the ICB in January. This overview can be found in Appendix 1. The below is a proposed overview of next steps and milestones we need to undertake as part of this process:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Baselining of BCF funding (including Improved Better Care Fund (Ibcf) and winter pressures grant) to provide clear overview of what adult social care and health services are being funded	Completed

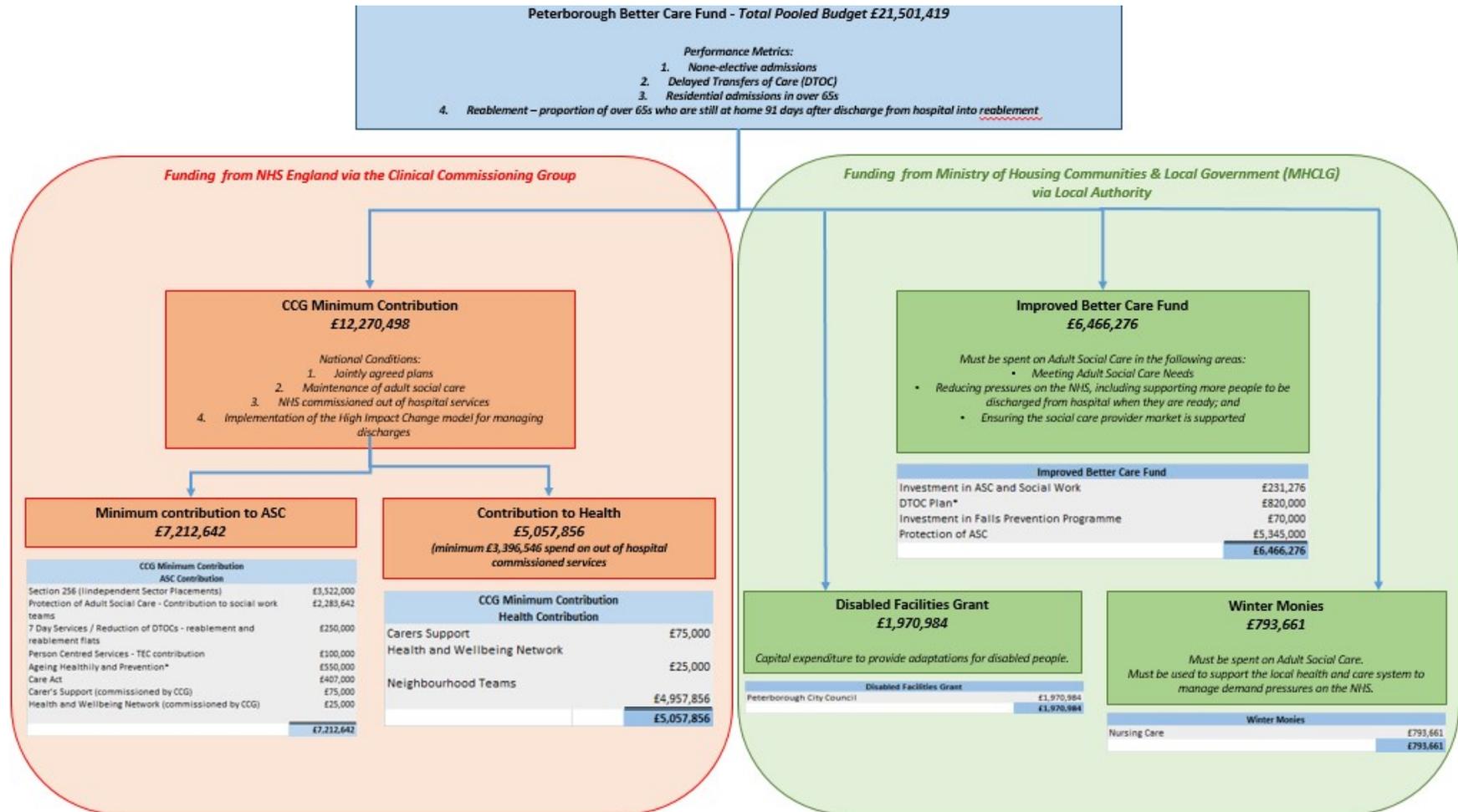
Review of performance data to measure effectiveness, including how they support key BCF metrics	February 2020
Jointly review commissioned activity to ensure value for money and impact, to inform recommendations for any changes 2020/21 plans	March 2020
Evaluation report and recommendations for 2020/21 finalised for review and approval at ICB and HWB	April – May 2020
National BCF Planning Guidance issued	TBC
Submission of BCF plans to NHS England	TBC
Assurance and approval of plans	TBC
Local section 75 agreements to be signed and in place	TBC

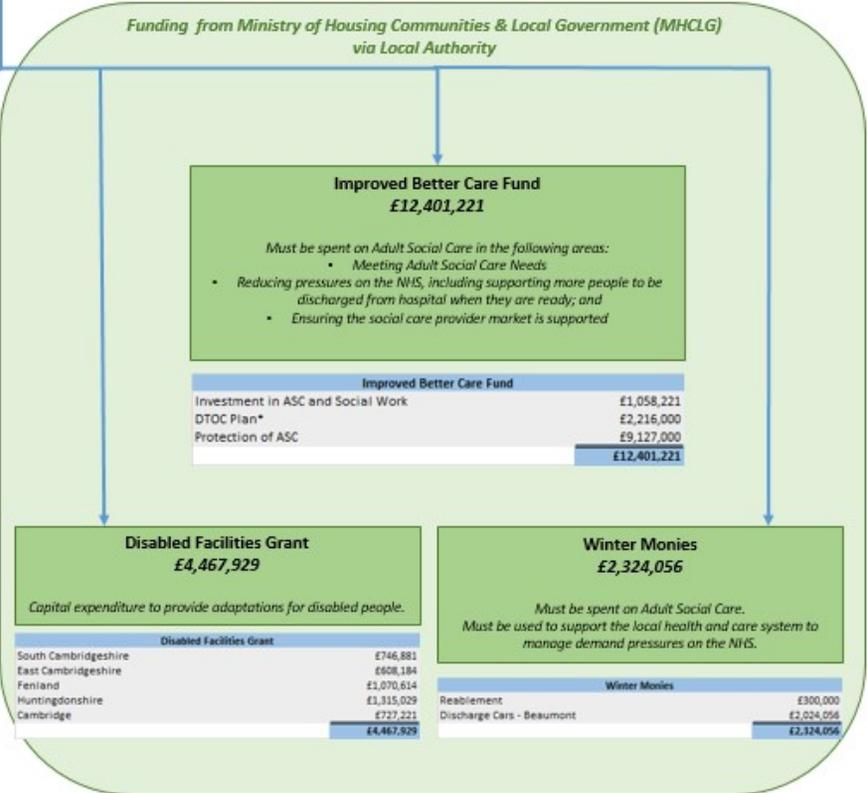
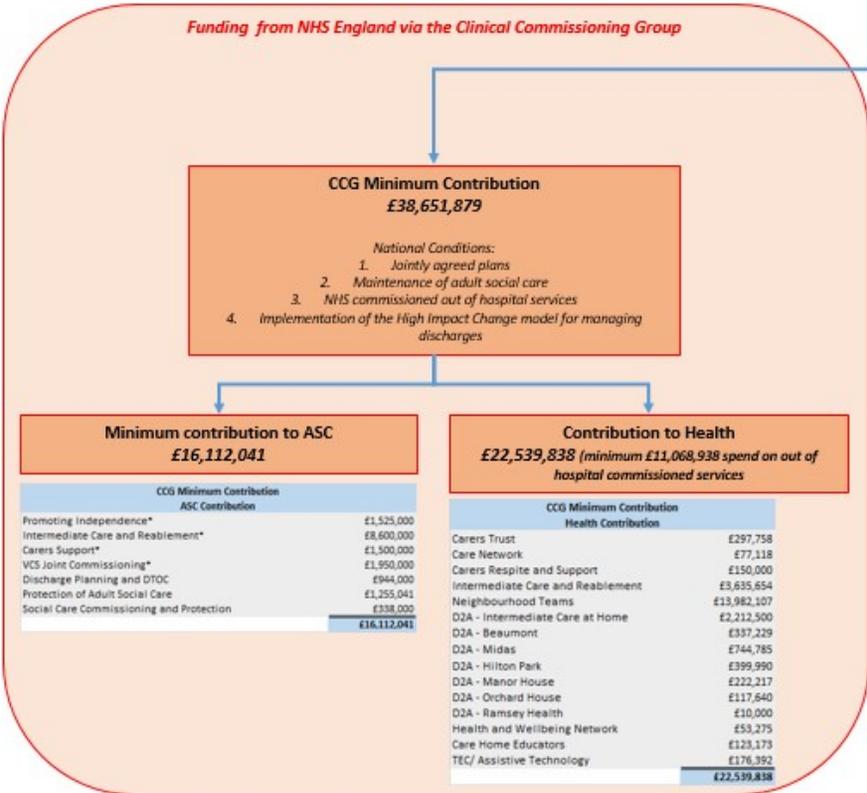
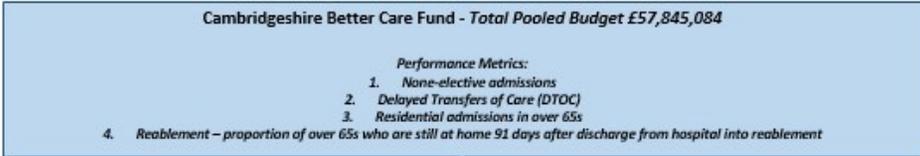
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Whilst the ICB recognises that the BCF is a particular priority, we also recognise that there are other joint commissioning opportunities we wish to explore. Running in parallel to the BCF evaluation and planning is a wider review of joint commissioned provision, which includes the following:

- A series of deep dives into identified priority areas:
  - Deep dives into technology enabled care (TEC) and reablement have been undertaken. A deep dive into Intermediate Care is planned for February 2020. Further deep dives will be scheduled throughout the year as further areas of interest are identified.
- Understanding local commissioning priorities and identifying joint commissioning priorities and opportunities:
  - A workshop was held at the ICB in November, discussing the commissioning intentions of the CCG and local authorities (Joint Market Position Statement)
  - An initial timeline schematic was developed to inform this discussion, outlining key areas of commissioning activity over the next 2-3 years (see Appendix 2)
  - It was agreed that the initial focus would be to undertake a baseline review of jointly commissioned services, to ensure that current investment is delivering the best impacts in these areas. A more detailed timeline for the next 12 months for this baselining activity is being developed for review at the February ICB meeting.
  - Alongside the baseline review, conversations amongst local commissioners to progress short term joint commissioning opportunities will continue and the following areas were highlighted as potential areas where further discussions would be welcomed:
    - Technology Enabled Care
    - Voluntary sector provision of services
    - Diabetes, services, NDP tender and lifestyle contract
    - Care homes, domiciliary care and brokerage
    - Continuing health care
    - Reablement and intermediate care
- Development of a set of agreed joint commissioning principles to inform and shape ICB recommendations - to be agreed at the February ICB meeting.

## Appendix 1 – BCF Plans – financial overview





## Appendix 2 – Commissioning Priorities Visual Timeline

