

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD 21 MAY 2019

BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

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Priorities

Mental health & well-being
Being Active
Reducing harm from Alcohol
Other (specify below)

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Yes
Yes
No

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children
If yes please give details

No

Impact on Safeguarding Adults
If yes please give details

Yes

The Better Care Fund supports the safe and appropriate discharge of patients from the Acute Hospitals

Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Consideration

Recommendation

1. The Health and Well-being Board is asked to:
 - a) Note the financial outturn to the BCF for 2018/19;
 - b) Note the progress made towards the national targets for the BCF for 2018/19; and
 - c) Note the significant cost pressures on the BCF for 2019/20 due to the pressures arising from the urgent care system.

Background

2. The Better Care Fund (BCF) was announced in June 2013 with the overarching aim of facilitating integration of health and social care through creation of a single pooled budget. The BCF supports the direction originally set in the Next Steps on the

NHS Five Year Forward View and the Care Act (2014), and the move to integrated care systems is set out as a key ambition of the NHS Long Term Plan (2018).

3. The BCF budget for 2018/19 totalled £35.541m from the CCGs, and £5.034m from Worcestershire County Council [Disabled Facilities Grant] - and was included in the Worcestershire Section 75 agreement.

4. This is the final year of the current BCF plan (2018/19 -2019/20). The Plan groups schemes under three main headings - Admission Prevention, Facilitated Discharge, and Independent Living.

Outturn for 2018/19

5. The final outturn of the 2018/19 Better Care Fund was overspent by £0.137m. This was due to externally purchased packages of care to support the discharge of patients from Acute hospitals.

6. The overspend has been managed by the Council and the CCGs contributing 50% each from their respective base budgets. It should be noted the impact of any overspend was mitigated by the Council of contributing £1.904m from the Winter Pressures monies allocated in November 2018.

Performance Against BCF Metrics

Metric	Outturn
Reduction in Non-elective admissions	<p>Neighbourhood Teams have continued to develop with the aim to support the reduction of non-elective admissions. Specific areas of focus have included an assertive approach to reduce admissions from care homes, detailed audits on emergency admission, specific pathways to reduce NELs, UTIs and blocked catheters and stroke prevention - implementation of AF devices in primary care.</p> <p>The development of the 19/20 work programme has commenced and largely builds on plans established during 18/19. Same Day Discharge will be a focus through the optimisation of the AEC and FAU which will support the reduction in NEL admissions.</p> <p>Based on Month 10 data available at March 2019.</p>
Delayed Transfers of Care (Delayed Days) from hospital per 100,000 population 18+) – consultant-led beds	<p>For Worcestershire, the target is 12.5 delays per day per 100,000 population aged 18+.</p> <p>The return for Worcestershire for February 2019 is 12.9 delays per day per 100,000 population, reduced from 14.3 in March 2018</p>
Rate of Permanent Admissions to Residential Care	<p>The target for the year is 635 and the estimated outturn for 2018/19 is just above target at 637.36</p>

	per 100,000 population aged 65+. Admissions have remained largely unchanged over the year.
Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services	The outturn for 2018/19 is 85.1%. This is slightly below a stretched target of 86% due to the demands of Winter pressures and 4% improved on the previous year.

Variances to BCF Programme for 2019/20

7. For 2019/20, two significant variations have taken place.

8. From April 2019, the 5 recovery beds in Wyre Forest CCG are now purchased from the independent sector following the closure of the Grange. Community-based services in the Neighbourhood Teams have been commissioned to ensure that all Wyre Forest residents are supported to fully recover following hospital discharge.

9. In November 2017, the Council opened the Step Down Unit on London Road, Worcester. This is a 30-bed nursing unit which can take people discharged from hospital who require a further period of assessment to determine the best long term plan for their care [known as Discharge to Assess or Pathway 3]. From 1 October 2018, this Unit was contracted from Coate Water Care and the contract has been extended until 26 September 2019. The CCGs, in collaboration with the Council, are recommissioning provision for Discharge to Assess beds from 27 September 2019.

BCF Budget Projections for 2019/20

10. The current budget for the BCF for 2019/20 overall is £43.794m (including DFG of £5.432m). The budget includes £2.385m that the Council has committed from additional Winter Pressures funding which has been extended for 2019/20. At this stage, the CCGs and the Council are confident that this is sufficient budget to deliver exiting commitments to integrated carer and to meet cost pressures arising from discharges from Acute hospitals.

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

11. None

Privacy Impact Assessment

12. None

Equality and Diversity Implications

Not applicable

[An Equality Relevance Screening has been completed in respect of these recommendations. The screening did not identify any potential Equality considerations requiring further consideration during implementation.]

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Children's Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Health and Wellbeing Report of 23 September 2018: Better Care Fund Update
- Worcestershire Better Care Fund Narrative Document - Available on-line at:
http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/file/4645/integrated_care_and_the_better_care_fund_plan_parts_1_and_2