

## **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD 25 SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE**

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#### **Priorities**

Mental health & well-being	Yes
Being Active	Yes
Reducing harm from Alcohol	No
Other (specify below)	

#### **Safeguarding**

Impact on Safeguarding Children If yes please give details	No
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Impact on Safeguarding Adults If yes please give details	Yes
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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 2017/18;
  - b) Note the progress made towards the national targets for the BCF for 2017/18; and
  - c) Note the significant cost pressures on the BCF for 2018/19 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 complements the direction set in the Next Steps on the

NHS Five Year Forward View, the development of Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs), the requirements of the Care Act (2014) and wider local government transformation in the area covered by the plan.

3. The BCF budget for 2017/18 totalled £34.513m from the CCGs, and £4.635m from Worcestershire County Council [Disabled Facilities Grant] - and was included in the Worcestershire Section 75 agreement.

4. The Worcestershire BCF plan is a 2 year plan [2017/18 – 2019/20]. The Plan grouped schemes under three main headings - Admission Prevention, Facilitated Discharge, and Independent Living. Due to delays in publishing the detailed guidance in 2017, the Board agreed in principle to the programme, and delegated the final submission of the Plan to the Director of Adult Services in consultation with the Chief Officers of the CCGs. The Plan was submitted in September and approved by NHSE in November 2017 without condition or support.

### Outturn for 2017/18

5. The final outturn of the 2017/18 Better Care Fund was overspent by £1.299m (after utilisation of the £0.189m reserve). This was primarily due to externally purchased packages of care (UUPs, POPs, Pathway 3 and the Worcestershire Step Down Unit).

6. The overspend has been managed by the Council and the CCGs contributing 50% each from their respective base budgets.

### Performance Against BCF Metrics

Metric	Outturn
Reduction in Non-elective admissions	The number of emergency admissions has increased by 4% for all ages over the past 12 months, and by 9% for those over 75. This is above the target set, and reflects the continued pressures of an ageing population with increasing levels of acuity.
Delayed Transfers of Care (Delayed Days) from hospital per 100,000 population 18+) – consultant-led beds	The nationally set target for November 2017 was 1785.2 days. The published return for Worcestershire was 1587, significantly within target.
Emergency Admissions for Falls >75	Overall the number of fall related admissions for people 75 and over has increased by 12%. However, there are significant variations across the three CCGs: Redditch and Bromsgrove increased by 20%; South Worcs CCG by 12% and Wyre Forest reduced by 4%
Rate of Permanent Admissions to Residential Care	The target for the year is 635 and the outturn for 2017/18 is just above target at 638.11 per 100,000 population aged 65+. Admissions have declined through 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 2017/18 is 81.6%. This is 5% below target due to the demands of Winter pressures.
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### **Variances to BCF Programme for 2018/19**

7. Since approval of the 2017/18 Programme, two significant variations have taken place.

8. From April 2018, as reported in July 2017, the number of recovery beds was reduced to 5 for Wyre Forest CCG, and are provided at 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 the site of Shaw Trust's nursing home 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]. This operates as a block contract and therefore differs from the spot purchasing of Pathway 3 placements as set out in the original programme. This approach enables people to be discharged quicker from the Acute [within 24 hours compared to 72 hours] and by having a dedicated resource, will reduce the average length of stay to less than 28 days [compared to 42 days].

10. Nursing care in the Unit is contracted from Coate Water Care. Coate Water Care are an experienced provider of nursing care and nursing homes, and run a similar Unit in Gloucestershire. Coate Water Care have therefore been contracted to manage the Unit from 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019, during which period it will be re-commissioned.

### **BCF Budget Projections for 2018/19**

11. The current forecast is that the BCF for 2018/19 overall will overspend by £1.833m. This is primarily caused by the high demand for Pathway 3 placements which is anticipated during the Winter.

### **Legal, Financial and HR Implications**

12. None

### **Privacy Impact Assessment**

13. 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:

- Worcestershire Better Care Fund Narrative Document (Available on-line)