

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Report of the Assistant Director - Joint Commissioning, (BCF Lead)

NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group and City of York Council.

Better Care Fund Update

Summary

1. This report is for information. It sets out the following:
 - An update on the Better Care Fund (BCF).

Background

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board has received regular reports from the Better Care Fund Performance and Delivery Group. These reports have previously informed the board of planning requirements and assurance processes for the 2017-19 period. This report includes an update on the current position.

Main/Key Issues to be Considered

Better Care Fund Quarterly Returns – governance and assurance

3. The quarterly returns for BCF and iBCF (Improved Better Care Fund) were submitted in line with requirements, covering Q1 of the 2017-19 Plan. The Q2 return is due for submission on 20th October.
4. The return requires a self-assessment of the area's progress on the High Impact Change Model.
5. The 2017-18 Quarter 1 return was due for submission on 20th July. As a result of this timing, the quarterly return relied on forecasts and provisional data for performance targets.

6. York has not met the quarterly target on Non Elective Admissions (NEA). NEA activity is 363 admissions (6%) above plan at the end of Q1. There have been increases in NEA for General surgery, General Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. Growth in admissions in these specialties is consistent with the introduction of the 'Acute Medical Model' within the main provider, which aims to reduce waiting times in A&E and the ability to diagnose, treat and discharge patients back to their usual place of residence within 24 hours. This reduces the need for admission onto general and acute wards within the hospital.
7. The Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOC) target has also been missed. There were decreases in all cases during 2017-18, but performance has worsened in the NHS during spring because of the lack of availability of places in nursing homes and due to patient / family choice. Recent measures implemented (seven day working, Integrated Complex Discharge Hub, getting patients ready for discharge from admittance to hospital) will begin to reduce delays. Delays of patients from mental health beds are a significant factor, with about twice as many delays compared with other systems in the Yorkshire and Humber region. Some of the relatively small numbers of patients affected have been delayed in beds for months.
8. Long-term support needs met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population also missed the target in Q1. The number of admissions at 656 per 100,000 population, was 11% above the target rate. This was primarily due to an unexpectedly large number of admissions in the Oct-Dec period. The Future Focus programme was launched during the year and one of its explicit aims is to reduce this number in future years.
9. Number of permanent admissions to residential & nursing care homes for older people (65+) missed the Q1 target. There were 77 admissions during 2018-19 Q1, a rate of 203 per 100,000 population aged 65+. This is a higher number of admissions than in 2017-18 Q1. Challenges have included embedding the Future Focus programme. In addition, The Older People's Accommodation Programme will aim to reduce the numbers entering residential and nursing care homes.
10. Our working outturn position on the BCF Dashboard for Q1 is attached at **Annex 1**.

Integration – local perspective

11. Building on the multi-agency events held in May, the Better Care Fund Performance and Delivery Group will hold an afternoon co-production event on the 26th of November, which will once again bring together system leaders, members of the delivery group and scheme providers.
12. The focus of this event will be to bring stakeholders together to share our vision of BCF going forward in 2019/20 in line with organizational strategic aims and to explore how we can use BCF funded schemes to transform our system, and improve outcomes for people.
13. There is a strong consensus among stakeholders who took part in the events in May that the York approach will continue to be focused on prevention, collaboration and building community capacity and individual resilience.

Performance Framework

14. During Q4, the York BCF Performance and Delivery Group has made significant progress on the population of the BCF Performance Framework. The Q4 submission showed a much more complete picture in terms of metrics, supporting narrative and embedded qualitative information. We are starting to be able to gauge our overall performance in the context of how well the schemes are delivering against their anticipated outcomes as well as gathering information that will help the group make informed decisions about the 2019/20 plan.
15. Keith Dodd has been appointed as Project Manager for the Better Care Fund and will principally be supporting the Assistant Director – Joint Commissioning with the performance management and future investment decisions around the BCF. He will be working 18.5 hours per week until March 31st 2019.
16. The York BCF Performance and Delivery Group are committed to providing the HWBB with case studies to highlight the positive outcomes of a BCF funded scheme contained in **Annex 2**. We are featuring Local Area Coordinators in this report. Local Area Coordinators help people stay well, independent and connected to their local community. They help raise awareness of available resources, provide links to local services, support people with a

wide range of issues and develop resilience and social inclusion in communities.

Capacity and Demand – Venn Consulting

17. Agreement has been made in principle to fund a capacity and demand exercise covering the York footprint. It is anticipated that the outcome will enable a whole system understanding of capacity and demand that will inform future planning, redesign and sustainability.

Consultation

18. None.

Options

19. Not applicable.

Analysis

20. Not applicable.

Strategic/Operational Plans

21. As above:
- Integration and Better Care Fund Plan

Implications

22. There are no new implications as a result of this report. While formal conditions may be placed on York's use of the iBCF, this will not result in any loss of income, and there is currently no expectation that the plan will not be compliant with the requirements of these conditions.

Risk Management

23. Risks which have been previously reported to the board in relation to BCF remain relevant.

Recommendations

24. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note this report.

Reason: To keep the Health and Wellbeing update in relation to the BCF

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report
Background Papers:

Annexes

Annex 1 – BCF National Metrics – outturn 2017-18

Annex 2 – Local Area Coordination case studies