

Health and Wellbeing Board 16th January, 2020

HWBB Joint Commissioning Report - Better Care Fund Performance Update

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the performance of the Better Care Fund (BCF) for 19/20 (performance template Appendix A attached).
- 1.2 The BCF in 19/20 continues to provide a mechanism for personalised, integrated approaches to health and care to support people to remain independent at home or return to independence after an episode in hospital. The Better Care Fund performance reporting includes the monitoring of additional grant funding known as IBCF (Improved Better Care Fund) and Winter Pressures funding.
- 1.3 The priorities of the BCF (including improved Better Care Fund monies and Winter Pressures funding) are:
- Prevention – keeping people well and self-sufficient in the first place; Healthy Lives, including community referral (Let's Talk Local and Social Prescribing), Dementia Companions, Voluntary and Community Sector, Population Health Management, carers, mental health)
 - Admission Avoidance – when people are not so well, how can we support people in the community; out of hospital focus (Care Closer to Home, Integrated Community Services, new admission avoidance scheme), carers and mental health
 - Delayed Transfers and system flow - using the 8 High Impact Model; Equipment contract, Assistive technology, Integrated Community Service, Red Bag
- 1.4 Shropshire is working at a system level to develop the 8 High Impact model (details on the 8 High Impact Model can be found here <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/our-improvement-offer/care-and-health-improvement/systems-resilience/high-impact-change-model>). The attached performance template (Appendix A) highlights that as a system we are self-assessed as working to a mature level for monitoring patient flow, multi-agency discharge teams, home first/ discharge to assess and Trusted Assessors; we have established schemes for Early Discharge Planning, Seven Day Services, Enhancing Health in Care Homes and Red Bag scheme (pilot only).
- 1.5 The report highlights Care Closer to Home as our 'Integration Success Story'; in particular it discusses the Shared Care record development as a significant piece of work for the programme. The Shared Care record will allow all health and social care professionals involved in the programme to find out everything they need to know about a patient's care needs; ensuring improved communication, more accurate needs assessments, and improved patient care.

- 1.6 The report also highlights that Shropshire is on track to achieve the Residential Admissions, Reablement, and Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC) targets. However, we are currently reporting that we are 9% over target for Non Elective Admissions (calculated per 100,000 population).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The HWBB to note the BCF performance template and metrics.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1. (NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)
- 3.2. The HWB Strategy requires that the health and care system work to reduce inequalities in Shropshire. All decisions and discussions by the Board must take into account reducing inequalities.
- 3.3. The schemes of the BCF and other system planning have been done by engaging with stakeholders, service users, and patients. This has been done in a variety of ways including through patient groups, focus groups, ethnographic research.
- 3.4. Continued reliance on grant funding (iBCF and Winter Pressures), to support system flow, admissions avoidance and transfers of care schemes, holds significant financial risk should the grant funding stop.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Better Care Fund progress is reported at every Health and Wellbeing Board through the Joint Commissioning Report to the HWBB and can be found on the Shropshire Council website.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) For the final BCF plan please see HWBB paper here
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Appendices Appendix A BCF Q3 Template