

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
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BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

R E C O M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Director of Public Health	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the contents of the report, which provides an update on the progress of the Better Care Fund (BCF). 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to the Health & Wellbeing Board as an update, in accordance with the statutory requirement of Health & Wellbeing Boards to oversee local Better Care Fund plans.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress and performance of the local Better Care Fund plans.

2.2 This report is for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider under its Terms of Reference No 2.8.3.6

To identify areas where joined up or integrated commissioning, including the establishment of pooled budget arrangements would benefit improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 As previously reported, Peterborough's BCF has created a single pooled budget to support health and social care services (for all adults with social care needs) to work more closely together in the city. The BCF was announced in June 2013 and introduced in April 2015. The 2018/19 £18.5m budget is largely a reorganisation of funding currently used predominantly by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) to provide health and social care services in the city. It includes funding for the Disabled Facilities Grant, which supports housing adaptations and Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) monies.

4.2 BCF Performance

2018/19 performance was reported to NHS England on 25th April 2019. The below provides a summary of performance against the four BCF national metrics.

Metric	Peterborough Performance		Mitigating Actions
	Summary Performance to date	RAG Rating	
Non-elective admissions to hospital	At year end performance was at 18,780 against a target of 18,316	Yellow	The refinement of the scope and criteria of the JET service and the co-location of JET triage within the 111 hub. Improved usage and extended opening of Ambulatory Care services to avoid ED admissions.
Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOCs) from hospital	Full year performance was 7,824 against a target of 3,258	Red	Significant Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) investment has continued. Integrated Discharge Service is in operation and continues to embed and be refined. There has been streamlining of discharge processes to enable faster referral and prevent unnecessary delays as a result of process.
Admissions to long-term residential and nursing homes in over 65 year olds	There were 131 actual admissions against a target of 184	Green	Target achieved
Effectiveness of reablement services	Final year performance was 82% against a target of 82.9%	Yellow	The service has suffered in respect of capacity at some points due to the reablement service supporting a number of bridging packages.

However, it is important to note that success in these indicators is reliant on a significantly wider range of factors than activity contained within the BCF Plan. Whilst BCF-funded activity will have successfully had an impact on preventing non-elective admissions and reducing DTOCs, this has not been sufficient to mitigate all underlying demand and increased pressures across the system.

4.3 Better Care Fund Planning 2019-20

Peterborough will be required to submit new BCF plans for 2019-20 to NHS England. The plans will be for a 1 year period and Hancock winter monies will be required to be included in the pooled BCF budget for 2019-20. The Better Care Fund (BCF) Policy Framework for 2019-20 was published by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on the 10th April 2019. There will be minimum change to the BCF in 2019-20. The detailed BCF Planning Guidance for 2019-20, which will contain more detailed information on the submission of local plans, is still awaiting publication. Discussions are currently underway with the CCG and local partners to inform the planning cycle.

4.4 **Progress of Delivery**

The BCF monies were not new monies into the system and nearly all of the funding included within the BCF budget was already being used in Peterborough to support local health and social care services. Therefore, BCF monies have been invested across business as usual activities and a number of transformation projects. The IBCF was introduced in April 2017, it was new monies to the system and the national conditions required the IBCF to be spent on Adult Social Care, with the aim of meeting adult social care needs, reducing pressures on the NHS (including DTOCs); and stabilising the care market. The below offers a brief summary of key progress to date:

Prevention & Early Intervention: Falls prevention 'Stronger for Longer' campaign was launched in October 2018. Multi-factorial falls risk assessments and strength and balance exercise programmes are embedded. The Atrial Fibrillation project has seen an increase in the number of AF patients receiving anticoagulation across Greater Peterborough and Wisbech from 74.7% to 79.2%. Technology enabled care (TEC) steering group continues to oversee the development of an integrated offer across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. TEC First training is being delivered to professionals across the health and social care sector.

Community Services / MDT Working, Case Management: All neighbourhood teams (NTs) have in place a system of case management through multi-disciplinary team working (MDT).

High Impact Changes (HIC): Delivery of the 8 HIC to manage discharges, supporting the system to deliver the 3.5% DTOC target. The HIC areas are: early discharge planning; systems to monitor patient flow; MDT/multi-agency discharge teams; home first / discharge to assess; 7 day services; trusted assessor; focus on choice; and enhancing care in care homes. Significant IBCF investment continues to support delivery of the local DTOC plan, with embedded increased reablement capacity, falls lifting service, additional social work capacity to support discharge and admissions avoidance, falls lifting service and voluntary sector hospital discharge support. An evaluation of 2018/19 progress has been undertaken to inform future approaches.

Information, Communication and Advice: PCC have developed a single directory of services, the 'Peterborough Information Network' which brings together all core council directories into one directory source, improving quality, consistency and service user experience. NHS Online and 111 Online have been implemented. There are ongoing discussions to review the most appropriate opportunities for linkages across the wider system.

Investment into housing options for vulnerable people: Due to unprecedented financial pressures resulting from increasing costs of care and increasing demands on resources from winter pressures. The 2018/19 money was invested in line with the national conditions to meet adult social care needs and stabilising the care market. The project deliverables are continuing, with a commitment to seek corporate capital investment as required. A cohort of service users with learning disabilities has been identified. An initial property has been purchased. Assistive Technology requirements for the property are being reviewed and a robust transition plan for each service-user is being developed.

4.5 **Governance**

A joint two year (2017-19) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough BCF and iBCF plan was submitted following Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing approval on 9th September 2017 and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board approval on the 11th September 2017. The plan received full NHS England approval in December 2017 and a two year section 75 agreement was established between Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group.

Quarterly updates on BCF progress are reported to NHS England. In addition, quarterly reporting to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on the progress of the iBCF is also undertaken. Local monitoring of performance and financial spend is overseen by the Integrated Commissioning Board, which has delegated responsibility for the BCF and iBCF from the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Integrated Commissioning Board meets monthly.

Initiatives which are jointly funded with the STP are also monitored through the STP North and South Alliance Boards, which have health and social care system wide representation in attendance.

In addition, a system-wide steering group has been set up, meeting 6-weekly, to monitor and assess iBCF interventions and to perform “deep dives” on specific areas that demand greater scrutiny in order to inform plans for 2019/20.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 As previously reported, in the developing and drafting of the BCF Plan there were detailed discussions and workshops with partners, including discussion at the A&E Delivery Board and appropriate STP governance boards. The Joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Commissioning Board, which has system wide health and care representation, has overseen the development of the plan. In line with national requirements, local system partners have approved and are signatories to the 2017-19 BCF Plan. Joint working across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough continues and regular monitoring activities have been solidified to ensure clear and standardised reporting mechanisms. A multi-disciplinary steering group, accountable to the Integrated Commissioning Board has been established to ensure there is effective ongoing monitoring and review of Improved Better Care Fund funded initiatives.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 Not applicable. The contents of this report provide an update for the board to note.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The report is for the information to the board.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 Not applicable.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 Delivery assurance through the Board will enable the Council and the CCG to continue to meet NHS England’s conditions for receiving BCF monies. The BCF financial allocation for 2018/19 for Peterborough was £18.6m. 2019/20 allocations are still in negotiation.

The BCF funding is in line with the Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

Legal Implications

9.2 There are no direct legal implications resulting from this report.

Equalities Implications

9.3 There are no direct equalities implications resulting from this report.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 Peterborough Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19
Peterborough Better Care Fund 2018/19 Quarter 4 return to NHS England

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None