



Although a formal committee of Brighton & Hove City Council, the Health & Wellbeing Board has a remit which includes matters relating to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Local Safeguarding Board for Children and Adults and Healthwatch.

Title:	Better Care Plan Dashboard – standing agenda item
Date of Meeting:	11 September 2018
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Wards Affected:	ALL

Decisions, recommendations and any options

- 1.1 This report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with a regular update on progress with the Brighton and Hove Better Care Fund Programme for 2018-19. The report provides a general update on items managed through the BCF Steering Group since the last report, as well as the most recent Financial and Performance indicators agreed within the BCF Plan. This report is being presented to the Board for assurance and information, and does not make any recommendations requiring decision or approval by the Board.

2. Relevant information

2.1 Scope of the Report

This report contains an update in two dashboards – performance and finance. Members are invited to review the dashboard and consider the Key Performance Indicators and Financial Performance. This report is designed only for assurance however may be used to inform on planning round BCF for future years.

2.2 Update from the BCF steering group

The key measure which is a focus of the Better Care Programme is Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC). These reduced in the most recent reported month and there is a gradual trends towards a longer term reduction. However delayed transfers still remain 2% above the system target of 3.5%. This also increases the average length of stay for patients in hospital. Delayed transfers of care continue to be a concern and a top priority for the joint working between the CCG and the Local Authority. A city summit was held in August 2018 where chief executives agreed a joint action plan to deliver changes in time for this winter to improve on long lengths of stay and delayed transfers for patients. This is attached as an addendum to the report.

The core components of the report are:

1. CCG investment in additional community beds to support re-ablement, rehabilitation and assessment, with enhanced clinical support provided by Sussex Community Foundation Trust. The objective is to identify appropriate facilities within the city boundary to operate additional community capacity to support patients closer to home.
2. Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust are identifying further community beds to support patients with advanced dementia or delirium who may not be able to be supported in conventional nursing homes.
3. The on-track rollout of Home First discharge to assess pathways across all wards at the Royal Sussex County Hospital by November, led by Sussex Community Foundation Trust

4. Fair implementation of the 'Let's Get You Home' policy which supports NHS staff with discharging a patient who is medically fit for discharge but is awaiting their preferred care home to become available. This allows services to encourage patients to move to an intermediate care home whilst they await their preferred home, when they are no longer suitable to stay in a hospital ward.
5. To share the winter accommodation pathways plan with NHS staff to support them with providing guidance to a rough sleeper when they attend A&E or are discharged from hospital

2.3 BCF Finance Report

- The BCF Finance Schedule shows the most recent reported position for the BCF Budget at month 4 (July 2018). The report shows that the programmes finances are on track and within budget, although there is a small underspend of a disability grant.
- A cost pressure emerged in the community equipment fund in previous years. The community equipment fund is overspending by £34k cumulatively at month 4. There is a savings scheme in place to mitigate this however further work needs to be done to bring the budget back in to balance. Whilst continued investment in community equipment may be seen as a positive change, as it contributes to the timely discharge of a patient from hospital and their re-ablement back in the community, we must continue to optimise the use of our community equipment fund by recovering and recycling equipment that is no longer needed. This is the focus of the community equipment spend-to-save scheme.

3. Important considerations and implications

The CCG must report progress with the BCF programme to NHS England on a quarterly basis as part of a national assurance process. The BCF reporting cycle has been designed to align to the national reporting process, although the Health and Wellbeing Report contains more detailed local metrics and is refreshed on a bi-monthly basis.

Legal:

- 3.1 The Governance arrangements in relation to the BCF S75 Partnership Agreement include oversight by the Health and Wellbeing Board through quarterly performance reporting, and this report forms part of that process.

Lawyer consulted: Elizabeth Culbert

Date: 28/08/2018

Finance:

- 3.2 The Better Care fund is a section 75 pooled budget which totals £24.475m for 2018/19, including £3.483m additional Improved Better Care funding (iBCF). The CCG contributes £18.624m to the pooled budget and the Council contributes £5.851m including the additional iBCF. Any spend variance at outturn is subject to a risk share as per the section 75 agreement. The current forecast position for 2018/19 is outlined in paragraph 2.3.

Finance Officer consulted: Sophie Warburton Date: 31/08/2018

Equalities:

- 3.3 This report provides an update to the Better Care Plan report which came to the Board in November. As stated then Equality Impact Assessments will be developed in relation to individual commissioning processes carried out under the projects as they arise. An equalities impact assessment has not been completed on the running BCF programme within the last 12 months. This has been added to the 2018/19 BCF Steering Group work plan.

Equalities Officer: Sarah Tighe-Ford Date: 28/08/2018

Sustainability:

- 3.4 All BCF funds come from recurrent funding resources and some projects within the Better Care Plan are expected to deliver sustainable savings.

Health, social care, children's services and public health:

- 3.5 The City's Public Health team are included in the membership of the BCF Steering Group and are therefore an instrumental part of developing BCF strategy and planning.

Supporting documents and information

Appendix 1: BCF Update report

Appendix 2: M4 BCF Finance Report

Appendix 3: System Summit Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) recovery plan