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Title:	Better Care Plan Quarterly Report and Briefing
Date of Meeting:	6 March 2018
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Wards Affected:	All

#### **FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

##### **Executive Summary**

This report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the Better Care Plan for Brighton and Hove including a performance dashboard currently being developed to provide quarterly measures to demonstrate progress.

The Better Care Plan is a national programme of integration aimed at investing a joint funded budget in integrated health and social care services. Brighton and Hove City Council and Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group have committed a £25m investment into the Better Care Plan, approved at a previous Health and Wellbeing Board (November 2017).

The HWB Board authorised the Executive Director Health and Adult Social Care and the CCG Chief Operating Officer (or equivalent) to finalise and enter into a new Section 75 Partnership Agreement for the commissioning of health and social care services from the Brighton & Hove Better Care Fund for the period 2017-2019.

The Board requested an update on:

- how the performance would be monitored
- key timelines for reporting to the Board
- the governance structure that would support the Better Care Plan.

The BCF dashboard enclosed contains the metrics agreed by the BCF steering group, with the most recently validated data added. Amongst a number of measures, delayed transfers of care are shown to have reduced significantly in the last 12 months, which was one of the key objectives of the Better Care Plan.

#### **Glossary of Terms**

BCP – Better Care Plan

BCF – Better Care Fund

NHSE – National Health Service England

## **1. Decisions, recommendations and any options**

- 1.1 That the Board note the progress and updates reported from the Better Care Fund Steering Group
- 1.2 That the Board review the draft BCF Dashboard metrics for discussion and assurance of the Better Care Plan.

## **2. Relevant information**

- 2.1 The Better Care Plan is over seen by a BCF Steering Group, joint chaired by the CCG Director of Commissioning and the Councils Executive Director of Health & Adult Social Care. The membership includes social care commissioners, health commissioners and members of the local public health team. The BCF Steering Group is accountable to the HWB via the Integration Board.
- 2.2 The BCP requires regular report to NHSE. We have not been given the final reporting dates for the 2018 – 2019 financial year. However the submission dates for the Q3 and Q4 period for 2017 – 2018 are:  
  
Q3 - 19 January 2018  
Q4 - 20 April 2018.
- 2.3 To prevent duplication of effort the HWB will receive the submitted performance reports at the next Board.
- 2.4 The Brighton and Hove Better Care Plan incorporates a range of projects and services which provide health and social care aimed at preventing unplanned admission to hospital, supporting frail people within the community, reducing delays in discharging people from hospital and preventing readmission.

- 2.5 In order to assess the efficacy and value for money it was agreed with the HWB that a dashboard of metrics should be developed and presented to the board on a quarterly basis. This report provides the first of these dashboards. A statutory quarterly assurance report is also submitted to NHS England, and it is intended that the two reporting processes will align moving forward.
- 2.6 The BCF Steering Group meets monthly. In addition to monitoring the agreed metrics, new projects are also discussed for future investment through the Better Care Fund. Specific projects currently being developed for proposal are:
- Increasing investment in social care prescribing to support patients with navigating to:
    - community and voluntary sector services
    - seeking support and advice in accessing health and social care
  - Developing a new integrated team to case manage patients being discharged into care homes and community wards from hospital, in order to ensure every patient has a care plan to bring them home where appropriate.
- 2.7 The BCF Steering Group reports into the Joint Finance and Performance Working Group, which also meets monthly, and reports into the Integration Board.
- 2.8 The Integration Board will provide reports to the Health & Wellbeing Board as required.
- 2.9 The Board are reminded that the BCF programme has a specific remit around preventing admission to hospital and reducing delays to discharge by effectively deploying initiatives in an integrated way between NHS and Local Authority agencies.

### **3 Important considerations and implications**

- 3.1 Under the Health and Wellbeing Board there is a statutory duty to have an NHS England approved better care plan and an agreed section 75 agreement for a joint funding commitment between the CCG and Local Authority.

Legal:

- 3.2 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.

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Lawyer consulted:      Date: Elizabeth Culbert Date 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018



Finance:

- 3.3 The Better Care fund is a section 75 pooled budget which totals £25.350m for 2017/18, including £5.093m Improved Better Care funding (iBCF). The CCG contributes £18.276m to the pooled budget and the Council contributes £7.074m including the iBCF. Any spend variance at outturn is subject to a 50:50 risk share as per the section 75 agreement. We are in the process of setting the 2018/19 budget however there are timing issues due to the differing budget timetables between the Council and the CCG. The financial performance of the Better Care fund is regularly reported to the joint Health & Adult Social Care Finance and Performance Board.

Finance Officer consulted: Sophie Warburton

Date: 14/02/2018

Equalities:

- 3.4 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 consulted: Sarah Tighe-Ford

Date: 23 February 2018

Sustainability:

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

Appendix 2: Governance Arrangements

Items of note:

Of the 10 core metrics agreed for the BCF dashboard, 8 are showing an improving trend, 1 is static and 1 has shown a deterioration.

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to review the BCF data and progress report for assurance.