

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
26th August 2015

Better Care Fund Partnership Framework Agreement Update

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Board Members with an update on the performance of the Section 75 agreement and to request the Boards agree the submission of the Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter 1 Performance Return to NHS England

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- 2.1 Members note the progress that has been made for the Rotherham BCF, including more integrated joint working between Health and Social care, and revised and strengthened governance for the BCF.**
- 2.2 Members review the performance of the Better Care Fund plan for Rotherham during the last first quarter of 2015/6 as set out in Appendix 1. Members are asked to agree the submission of this report to NHS England on or before 28th August at noon**

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The Board last received an update on the Better Care Fund for Rotherham on 8th July 2015. At that time, the report detailed the last quarter's performance information, and presented a draft section 75 Partnership Framework Agreement which has provided the template for the Clinical Commissioning Group and Rotherham Council to work together to provide integrated services for the people of Rotherham.
- 3.2 Following the Health and Wellbeing Board's approval in July 2015, the Section 75 partnership framework agreement between Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group and Rotherham MBC was signed, and is now working effectively.
- 3.3 Included within the Section 75 agreement was a new governance structure for the BCF. These new arrangements have been implemented and are working effectively. An additional development has been the creation of a "vision" group within the BCF Executive, which meets to explore further opportunities for health and social care integration.
- 3.4 The performance of the BCF and section 75 agreement is monitored by the Operations Group. Recent work has included a joint review on the BCF 13 – the

largest of the BCF work streams. The review has thus far highlighted some parallel but insufficiently linked projects, and areas for development. This review has now been extended to thoroughly review each element of funding within the BCF plan, to ensure there is greater strategic focus and prioritisation on earlier intervention, reducing non-elective emergency admissions, and on value for money. A report to the BCF operations group will be made next month.

The realignment of the baseline position on the performance metrics of 2014/5, when the BCF was in shadow format have been updated. This is in readiness for this year's start of the pay for performance element of the BCF, when the number of non-elective admissions will be measured.

- 3.5 The first quarter of the first year of the BCF has now been completed, and is attached at Appendix 1. The proforma was supplied by NHS England this month, and shows how Rotherham BCF is performing against metrics and National BCF conditions.

In general, performance in Rotherham has been close to target. Across the country localities have expressed concerns that NHS England has set submission dates for the BCF returns which require NHS data to be submitted before it has been validated. Accordingly, some slight adjustments, and especially to the number of non-elective admissions, may be needed in Quarter 2.

- 3.6 Further information on the Quarter 1 report shows that Rotherham has met in full four of the six National Conditions for the BCF, and still working on two conditions. Firstly, in relation to the national condition to have 7 day services, we continue to progress our plans to provide 7 day support from the hospital social work team; and have designated support to deliver this by April 2016. Secondly, the national condition requires the NHS number to be used as the primary identifier with health and social care IT systems. Current issues with the migration of social care data to a new database have caused delay, but it is expected this condition will be met in full before the end of the year.

- 3.7 Unrelated to current performance on the National Conditions, NHS England has offered all authorities the opportunity to bid for practical hands on technical or delivery assistance and support. It is suggested we bid for assistance and support with two of the six themes: "developing underpinning integrated datasets and information systems" and "Measuring success". Both of these themes would contribute to Rotherham's work on meeting National conditions. Requests for support are prioritised, but if allocated, the support is given at no cost to the authorities.

4. CONCLUSION / NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to endorse the quarterly format, and to ask officers to submit the return to NHS England on or before 28th August 2015.. This will ensure the locality meets the national conditions and requirements of the BCF, and does so within the timeframe for submission set by NHS England

Further reports will be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the detail of the schemes funded within the BCF plan, according to the timetable in Appendix 2,

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Budget for the BCF continues to be £23.9 million, There is a small overall underspend in Quarter 1, but there are plans on how it would be invested if the underspend persists.

6. CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

- 6.1 The BCF Operations group discussed and agreed the quarterly return attached at Appendix 1 on 17th August 2015. On 19th August 2015 the BCF Executive Group will also consider the document. Comments or proposed amendments from these groups will be shared with members at the Board meeting on 26th August 2015.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1- Rotherham Better Care Fund Quarter 1 report 2015/6

8. Background Papers

Section 75 Agreement Rotherham Better Care Fund

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