

Meeting:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	20th September, 2017
Title:	Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2017-19

1. Summary

The purpose of this report is to give the Health and Wellbeing Board an update of the current status of the Better Care Fund Plan for 2017/19.

The final version of the plan has been updated in line with the 2017-19 Integration and Better Care Policy Framework published in July 2017 and Key Lines of Enquiries (KLOE's) released in August 2017 which will support assurance of the planning requirements.

A final version of the BCF Plan 2017/19 (Appendix 1) and planning template (Appendix 2) has now been submitted to NHS England on Monday, 11th September, 2017.

2. Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

(i) Note the contents of the BCF Plan and planning template for 2017/19

3. Introduction/Background

The Integration and BCF Policy Framework and Key Lines of Enquiries has recently been published which has identified areas where the plan needs to be strengthened so that Rotherham can gain full approval of their plan.

The final version of the plan has been updated to include:

- 3.1 Accountable Care System (ACS) – our new governance arrangements will support us towards becoming an ACS, which will enable us to design and deliver services to meet the needs of our population and improve health and wellbeing outcomes, within agreed budgets
- 3.2 Improved Better Care Fund – Rotherham has been allocated the new IBCF grant allocation within the 2015 Spending Review and Spring Budget via a Section 31 Grant from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG). The new funding allocation will meet adult social care needs, reduce pressures on the NHS, including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready, and ensuring that the local social care provider market is supported. This funding will enable Local Authorities to provide stability and extra capacity in local care systems. The grant funding will be pooled within the BCF Section 75 agreement and will be used to meet the National Condition 4 (Managing Transfers of Care).
- 3.3 High Impact Change Model and Delayed Transfers of Care Plan – Rotherham used this model to self-assess the local position in 2016/17 and developed a Delayed Transfer of Care (DToC) action plan. This self-assessment was completed by the multi-agency effective patient flow group and reported through to our local A&E Delivery Board.

- 3.4 An updated Summary of Financial Plan and Summary of Investment Profile. Services funded through the BCF which help maintain essential social care services include community based services, residential care, equipment/assistive technology, services for carers and 7 day social work support. Total investment in social care has increased from £8.6m in 2015/16 to £9.3m in 2016/17, mainly in respect of equipment and adaptations and to meet additional cost pressures arising from the Care Act 2014. This investment remains in 2017/18, with a slight increase in overall funding within the BCF.
- 3.5 Confirmation that contribution to social care services has some health benefit by reducing hospital admissions and reducing Delayed Transfers of Care.
- 3.6 Description of how progress will continue on the former 3 national conditions which are; a joint approach to assessment and care planning, an agreement on the consequential impact of changes on the providers and 7 day working arrangements.
- 3.7 Case studies included in the plan to provide evidence based impact on local vision and improving outcomes.
- 3.8 Capturing and sharing learning regionally and nationally around monitoring underperforming schemes.
- 3.9 BCF metrics – explanation of how these have been reached and data on previous performance.
- 3.10 DTOC – includes narrative and reference to A&E delivery plan
- 3.11 Finance – includes narrative in plan to accompany the figures provided in the planning template.

4. Current Progress

Rotherham has updated all aspects of the current plan, including finalising reviews and updating financial and activity information in close collaboration with partners. There are now 4 national conditions to be met as follows:

Condition 1 - Jointly Agreed Plan

Plans are still jointly agreed between the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group for 2017/19.

Condition 2 - Social Care Maintenance

Rotherham's local plan funding is higher than the contribution required and there is no intention to reduce this. We continue to fund several social care services, which are strategically relevant and performing well, including social workers supporting A&E, case management and supported discharge.

Condition 3 - NHS Commissioned Out of Hospital Services

In Rotherham there are three admission prevention and supported discharge pathways. These are all supported by the Better Care Fund. These are also supported by the wider initiatives within Rotherham's Integrated Health and Social Care Plan.

Condition 4 - Managing Transfers of Care (New Condition)

Ensuring people's care transfers smoothly between services and settings. An updated action plan is now included in the plan which clearly focusses on how this will be addressed and particular, delayed transfers of care (DTC).

5. Feedback from BCF Manager for Yorkshire and Humber (NHS England)

The narrative plan has been shared with NHS England who have assessed the plan against the Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE's) and offered the following feedback:

Rotherham has a really good narrative plan and lots of evidence provided around:

- Engagement with staff, local communities, partner organisations
- Articulating a local vision for integrating health and social care services
- Current issues the BCF plan aims to resolve
- Description of the overarching governance and plan delivery and risk assessment.
- Good examples provided around evidence based impact on local vision.
- Good process for monitoring underperforming schemes

NHS England provided guidance on how the BCF Plan could be further strengthened and this is highlighted within Items 3.1 to 3.11 within this report. This information has now been included with the narrative plan.

6. CQC Local System Reviews

The Health and Wellbeing Board should also note that there are plans for the CQC to carry out Local System Reviews in a number of areas focussing on the interface of health and social care. The reviews will look specifically at how people move between health and social care, including delayed transfers of care, with a particular focus on people over 65 years old. The reviews will provide a reflection of each of the local areas, highlighting what is working well and where there are opportunities for improving how the system works for people using services. Once all reviews have been completed, a national report will be produced which will identify key themes and recommendations

12 areas in the country have now been notified by CQC that they will part of the review process and this will take place between August 2017 and January 2018. Rotherham has not been selected to be part of the review process at this stage.

7. List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Rotherham BCF Plan 2017-19

Appendix 2 Rotherham BCF Planning Template 2017-19

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