

Health and Wellbeing Board

17 April 2019

BETTER CARE FUND 2018/19 QUARTER 4

1. Purpose

This report presents Quarter 4 performance regarding Walsall Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund. The period covered is from January 2019 – March 2019.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board receives and approve the Quarter 4 return, and has the opportunity to ask any questions that may arise prior to the submission deadline of 18 April 2019.

3. Report detail

3.1 The table below highlights the key messages to note from the Quarter 4 Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund return. Appendix 1 details the Walsall Better Care Fund Quarter 4 return for submission, with Appendix 2 detailing the financial position.

Message to note	BCF Quarter 4 – 2018/19
Metrics	<p>Non - Elective Admissions (NEA) – January reported a reduction in the number of emergency admissions for older people 75 and over. The reduction relates to a number of admission avoidance interventions implemented within the borough.</p> <p>Residential Admissions – Performance continues to be in line with the target, showing a consistent decrease of long term residential and nursing admissions for older people. February 2019 figures show a decrease in permanent admissions compared to the same period in February 2018.</p> <p>Re-ablement – Following further work to review guidance during Quarter 3, performance for this metric is now on track and in line with the targets set. Figures show 85% of residents of the 144 discharged between January and February remained in their own home after 91 days following a hospital discharge. This is an increase compared to the 80% compared to the same period for 2018.</p> <p>Delayed Transfers of Care – Delays recorded for January show 651 delayed days for Walsall, a reduction from the 840 days reported in October for Quarter 3. February data is yet to be published.</p>

High Impact Change Model	<p>The 8 High Impact Change Models (Early discharge planning, Systems to monitor flow, Multi-disciplinary discharge teams, Home first/discharge to assess, Seven day working, Trusted Assessor, Choice, Enhancing health in care homes) as detailed in Appendix 1 Tab 4 are still in place. The additional model of Red Bag Scheme has been included, taking the total to 9. All 9 schemes have recorded milestones as established with two as mature.</p> <p>Project leads met recently to review all 9 schemes and measure success against national guidance and tools. Following the review, local targets have been set to develop some of the schemes to mature status, a national expectation recently communicated by national BCF leads.</p>
Income and Expenditure	<p>The draft pre-audit position across the overall BCF programme shows an under spend of (£1.050m) before the transfer to reserves for the improved Better Care Fund of £0.878m, leaving a net under spend of (£0.172m)</p> <p>The improved Better Care Fund will be spent in 2019/20 in line with the 3 year spending plan</p>
Improved Better Care Fund	<p>Quarter 4 details information regarding Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) investment. Updates have been provided to demonstrate the impact seen as a result of the additional investment.</p> <p>Locally, the additional investment has supported the system through agreed initiatives such as integration and increasing capacity. The additional investment has funded staffing and stability within the market, ensuring completion of timely assessments, timely discharges from the community to support flow and stability across the domiciliary care market.</p> <p>Overall, the investment has supported provision such as shared lives placements for those with specific needs, services such as effective re-ablement and additional social workers and occupational therapists, leading to residents remaining in their own home, improved flow and timely discharges.</p>
Performance	<p>Overall performance is good across the programme. The Walsall BCF commissioning and performance integrated group has been established to review performance, spend and activity of services and schemes funded by the BCF allocation in line with national guidance received on a regular basis.</p> <p>Moving forward, the intention is BCF will continue to be a key enabler to drive integration in local areas. Locally, Walsall has good governance structures in place to support integration. The intermediate care service demonstrates a positive integrated approach to meeting needs and driving discharges, particularly encouraging home first when discharged from hospital.</p> <p>Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOCs)</p> <p>Walsall DTOC figures for January are reported at 651 delayed days. Specific numbers are recorded for January against the following codes;</p> <p>Social Care delays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 140 days delayed for nursing placements • 65 days for residential placements

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47 days delayed for packages of care <p>NHS delays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 119 days delayed for equipment and • 121 days delayed for family/patient choice <p>Of the 651 days recorded, 31 delayed days are attributable to both social care and NHS from Black Country Partnership Trust. 49 delayed days of the 651 are recorded from Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust against social care.</p> <p>Work continues to take place by leads to review the number of delayed days across the system.</p>
Integration	Continued work and monitoring is required to embed culture change successfully.

4. Health and Wellbeing Priorities

The aim of the Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund is to ensure there is support through provision and enablers such as Social Workers and Therapists for those discharged from hospital returning to their own home (including residential or nursing), and to prevent a hospital admission where possible.

There are national 'ambitions' to achieve locally, ensuring there is a reduction in Delayed Transfers of Care by implementing and utilising services and schemes.

Background papers

Appendix 1 Quarter 4 BCF 2018/19 return
Appendix 2 Quarter 4 BCF financial position

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