

**Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 2017 – 2019 Update****1. Purpose**

This report provides an update on the resubmitted Integration and Better Care Fund (BCF) Narrative Plan, Quarter 3's Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) returns and a financial monitoring update.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That members note the contents of this report.

**3. Integration and Better Care Fund Narrative Plan**

3.1 Walsall's Narrative Plan has been through the Regional and National Assurance process and was classified as 'approved with conditions'. Informal notification, advising on the areas for improvement was received on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The areas for improvement were noted on the following Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE):

- KLOEs 11,12: The plan for the High Impact Change model needs to be augmented with distinct timescales for implementation over the life of the BCF plan; and outline costings to demonstrate KLOE 12 (delivering and funding actions).
- KLOEs 14, 16: Set out clearly the anticipated changes to patient and service user outcomes that this plan will deliver; Describe how Housing is/will become more strategically involved in developing the plan; Set out, in a distinct section of the document, how the former National Conditions (7 day services; data sharing; joint assessments) will be progressed.
- KLOEs 18, 19: Set out how governance arrangements have developed since the proposals articulated in Appendix 9 (System Governance); and/or confirm what has been implemented as the governance mechanism for the duration of this plan.
- KLOE 19: Set out what arrangements are in place to ensure that any health inequalities for people with protected characteristics under Equalities legislation can be identified, and the actions taken to reduce these.
- KLOE 22: Articulate the way in which risks to the minimum contribution to social care and iBCF funding are managed, particularly concerning questions of affordability of service provision.
- KLOE 26: Confirmation required that iBCF funding has not been offset against the contribution from the CCG minimum following the re-basing of the planning template.
- KLOE 31: Set out clear rationale for why the residential care metric is not reducing
- KLOEs 33-36: DToC measures will need to be re-addressed, in particular a clear articulation for KLOE 36 for how BCF funded schemes will impact on the metric for DToC.

- 3.2. The Plan was amended to address the improvement areas and a revised plan was submitted to the National team for assurance on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017. A copy of the final submission can be found at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3. Formal notification of the 'Approved with Conditions' status was received on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and we now await notification of the classification of the resubmitted plan.

#### 4. **Quarter 3 BCF and iBCF Returns**

- 4.1 Within the Better Care Fund guidelines, there is a requirement for Quarterly national performance reporting. Quarter 3's iBCF and BCF returns were submitted on 22nd and 29th January 2018 respectively, as attached at **Appendix 2 and 3**. These submissions were authorised on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB), through agreed delegation to the Chair of the HWBB.
- 4.2. The key messages from the Quarter 3 returns are:

##### iBCF

- All initiatives funded through the iBCF funding are on track for delivery and any underspends in year have been accounted for and reprofiled to deliver the priorities in years 2 and 3.
- Performance metrics have been developed for half of the initiatives and challenges in identifying appropriate data sources are being addressed so that a clear performance monitoring framework for the iBCF is in place for Quarter 1 of 2018/19.

##### BCF

- All National Conditions are being met.
- Metrics for Residential and Nursing Admissions and Outcomes of Reablement are on Track to meet the target.
- The number of non-elective admissions is not on track to achieve the target and actions to address this have been developed through the A&E Delivery Board.
- Walsall is not on track to meet the DTOC target. The challenge faced is that more robust monitoring of DTOC has been partially implemented which has resulted in a rise in the number of delays reported.
- Good progress is being made against the High Impact Change model to support hospital discharge.

#### 5. **Better Care Fund Budget Monitoring**

- 5.1. The Better Care Fund budget monitoring report can be found at **Appendix 4**.
- 5.2. The forecasted position as at Quarter 3 (April to December 2017) is an under spend of (£1.253m) against the overall BCF budget of £29.561m (including BCF, iBCF1 and iBCF2).

The (£1.253m) under spend can be split as:

- (£0.250m) of BCF funding mainly on Intermediate Care Services and Resilient Communities work streams
- (£1.003m) of iBCF2 funding which will be carried forward into 2018/19, and the iBCF2 plan is under revision

#### 6. **Health and Wellbeing Priorities:**

6.1 Services delivered through iBCF and BCF will enable the Council and Health service to :





- Support Independent Living
- Enable those at risk of poor health to access appropriate health and care, with informed choice
- Keep vulnerable people safe through prevention and early Intervention

as part of the 'Maximising People's Health, Wellbeing and Safety Health and wellbeing priority'.

## Background papers

None

## Appendices

Appendix	Title	Attachment
1	Integration and Better Care Fund Narrative Plan	
2	iBCF Quarter 3 Return	
3	BCF Quarter 3 Return	
4	BCF Q3 Budget Monitoring	

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