

Health and Wellbeing Board

11 June 2018

BETTER CARE FUND 2017/18 QUARTER 4

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report presents the Better Care Fund and improved Better Care fund Quarter 4 performance for the period 1st January, 2018 to 31st March, 2018 that have been signed off by the Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board by delegated authority and is advised the Walsall BCF Narrative Plan received approval from NHS England on 22nd March, 2018
- 1.2 To advise Health & Wellbeing Board the Walsall BCF Narrative Plan and Planning Template, submitted to NHS England in August 2017 as at Appendix 1 and 2 received approval on 22nd March, 2018 as detailed at Appendix 3.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board receives and notes the Better Care Fund and improved Better Care Fund quarterly return and has an opportunity to ask any question that may arise.

3. Report detail




- 3.1 The table below provides a summary of the key messages to note from the Quarter 4 BCF and iBCF outturns. **Appendix 4 & 5 attached.**

Message to note	BCF Quarter 4 – 2017/18
Budget Arrangements	Nothing to note – the budget is pooled as directed.
National Conditions	Nothing to note – all National Conditions are being met.
Income and Expenditure	<p>The planned under spend for 2017/18 was £695k which related to iBCF2. The iBCF2 spend was reprofiled differently to the funding across the 3 years as per service delivery requirements and any under spends would be carried forward into the future years.</p> <p>The under spend for 2017/18 is £2.089m of which £1.905m relates to iBCF2 and will be carried forward into 2018/19 and 2019/20 to the fund planned activity.</p>
Performance	<p>Overall performance is good, however there has been some impact due to protracted delays in recruitment of social workers and therapy staff due to a national shortage of suitably skilled staff and on non elective admissions which has not seen an improvement.</p> <p>It should be noted that Ambulance conveyances to the Manor have increased by 1% in qtr 4 with a rise of 2.7% in the previous 12 months and a decrease to those subsequently admitted by 1.5%. It is anticipated that without the changes to service including the over achieving of the Rapid Response service from an average of 180 to 250 referrals and Winter Funding for additional acute physician in A&E and additional A&E consultant at the weekend non elective admissions would have been higher.</p>
Integration	Ongoing work is necessary to embed culture change within the acute setting to fully embed our Integrated Intermediate Care Service

4. Health & Wellbeing priorities

The overall aim for the Better Care Fund and improved Better Care Fund is to support people in their own homes in a way which means there are fewer emergency admissions to hospital or permanent admissions to residential or nursing care, and which optimises their safety, independence, well-being and health.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1	BCF Narrative Plan 17-19 – Final Version	 Better Care Fund Plan 1719 Final.docx
Appendix 2	BCF Planning Template 17-19 – Final Version	 Walsall HWB 2017-19 PLANNING 1
Appendix 3	BCF Plan Approval Letter	 BCF Approved Walsall.pdf

Appendix 4	2017/18 BCF Qtr 4 return	 Copy of Copy of BCF_Quarterly_Temp
Appendix 5	2017/18 iBCF Qtr 4 return	 Copy of 2017-18 iBCF monitoring ten

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