

Health and Wellbeing Board

23 January 2017

BETTER CARE FUND 2016/17 QUARTER 3 AND REPORTING TIMELINE FOR 2017-19

1. Purpose

This report summarises the adjusted timelines for reporting the Better Care Fund Quarter Three (1st September to 31st December 2016) performance and the next Better Care Fund Plan for 2017 to 2019 (1st April 2017 to 31st March 2019).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note that there is a change to the published 2016/17 Q3 data collection timeframe. As a result of these changes, the Quarter 3 Outturn will be presented to the Board on 15th February 2017
- 2.2 To note the proposed timetable of governance reporting of the Better Care Fund 2017-19

3. Report detail

3.1 Quarter 3 Outturn for 2016/17

- 3.1.1 As part of a wider review of data and data collection by the Better Care Fund national team, there is a change to the published Q3 data collection timeframes. The Q3 data collections template will now be released week commencing 30 January 2017 with returns required by 3rd March 2017.
- 3.1.2 As a consequence of the changes to the timeframes it is necessary to amend the presentation date of the Q3 Outturn Report to the HWBB. The Q3 outturn will now be presented to the HWBB on 15th February 2017.

3.2 Better Care Fund Plan for 2017/19

- 3.2.1 Guidance on the Better Care Fund Policy Framework from NHS England, Department of Health and the Local Government Association was anticipated in late 2016 has been delayed and is now not expected to be produced until after 16th January 2017.
- 3.2.2 Colleagues in the Better Care National Team report that the delay relates to agreements being secured on establishing a baseline for CCG contributions to social care.

- 3.2.3 There is a commitment from Ministers to allow for a reasonable time between publication of the guidance and the deadline for the first narrative plan submission. The expectation is that this can be around 6 weeks.
- 3.2.4 It is anticipated that other changes will include that the Key Lines of Enquiry requirement will be significantly reduced (from 70 in 2016/17 down to around 40). Officers are attending Planning events and a webinar will be scheduled for soon after the publication of the guidance to understand the changes more thoroughly.
- 3.2.5 Mindful of this delay and the current uncertainty around the Guidance and Policy Framework, but also of the need, as requested at the last HWBB Development Session “to undertake a radical overhaul of the BCF” we are proposing these dates for our relevant Governing Bodies to discuss, agree and endorse the Walsall Better Care Fund 2017-19:

Committee	Date
Joint Commissioning Committee	13th February 2017
Health and Wellbeing Board Development Session	15th February 2017
Walsall CCG Board Development Session	23rd February 2017
Health and Wellbeing Board	6th March 2017
Walsall Council Cabinet	15th March 2017
Walsall CCG Governing Body	30th March 2017

- 3.2.6 A project team and plan to develop the BCF Submission will be agreed at the Joint Commissioning Committee on 16th January 2017 and will be tabled with this paper at the HWBB 23rd January 2017.

Background papers

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