

Wokingham Borough Council

Better Care Fund

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What is the Better Care Fund?

- It creates a local single pooled budget to incentivise the NHS and local government to work more closely around people and care services
- It is about moving away from a 'sickness service', towards one that enables people to live independent and healthy lives in the community
- Reducing demand on Acute sector
- Less avoidable admissions/faster discharge/reduced care home admissions
- £9.56 million of pooled funding
- Not new money!



Delivering the Better Care Fund

- Via a project structure
- 9 schemes in total
- 4 Wokingham schemes
- 5 schemes being delivered across Berks West



What are the BCF Schemes?

- 01 Health and Social Care Hub (BW scheme)
- 02 Integrated Short Term Health and Social Care Team
- 03 Step Up/Step Down Beds (Wokingham scheme)
- 04 Domiciliary Plus
- 05 Hospital at Home Service
- 06 Enhanced Care and Nursing Home Support
- 07 Connected Care
- 08 Neighbourhood clusters, Primary prevention and Self-Care
- 09 Access to General Practice



Governance

- Each project has an implementation group
- These report into the Wokingham Integration Strategic Partnership (WISP) and Berks West Partnership Board (BW10)
- WISP reports to Health and Wellbeing Board
- Regular monitoring of BCF plan by DoH



Better Care Fund will be subject to the following conditions set by NHS England:

1. A requirement that the Better Care Fund is transferred into one or more pooled funds established under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006
2. A requirement that Health and Wellbeing Boards jointly agree plans for how the money will be spent, with plans signed-off by the relevant local authority and Clinical Commissioning Group(s)
3. A requirement that plans are approved by NHS England in consultation with Ministers



BCF conditions continued

4. The fund is to be used in accordance with the agreed plan
5. The element of the fund linked to non-elective admissions reduction target will be released into the pooled budget proportional to performance. If the target is not met, the CCG(s) may only release into the pool a part of that funding proportionate to the partial achievement of the target



What the BCF will mean?

- Improved health outcomes for our residents
- Focus on prevention and admission avoidance
- More integrated, joined up services
- Potential reduced overall spending as shift from acute to community takes place



How will it effect the Council?

- Create a single point of access to health and social care via the hub
- Creating integrated teams
- New community based service provision
- Connected Care- Develop integrated IT systems between health and social care
- Should result in less admissions to Older People Residential Care
- Potential future structural change



Questions

Further information-

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