

TITLE	Better Care Fund Plan 2016-17
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health and Wellbeing Board on 14 th April 2016
WARD	None Specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

The Better Care Fund (BCF) has been created to promote the integration of health and social care services, to provide a better quality of service to users and greater efficiency across the system.

RECOMMENDATION

That Health and Well Being Board (HWBB) note and approve the content of Wokingham's Better Care Fund plan 2016-17 subject to the changes being made following NHS England's assurance process and authorise the Chair of the HWBB to give final authorisation for submission of the final plan before the 25th of April 2016.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report sets out Wokingham's BCF plans for 2016-17 and the assurance process required by NHS England.

Background

The Care Act 2014 amended the NHS Act 2006 to provide the legislative basis for the Better Care Fund (BCF). It allows for the mandate to NHS England to include specific requirements relating to the establishment and use of an integration fund. NHS England set the following conditions, which local areas will need to meet to access the funding

A requirement that the Better Care Fund is transferred into one or more pooled funds established under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006

- 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)
- A requirement that plans are approved by NHS England in consultation with DH and DCLG
- A requirement that a proportion of each area's allocation will be subject to a new condition around NHS commissioned out of hospital services, which may include a wide range of services including social care.

NHS England also require that Better Care Fund plans demonstrate how the area will meet the following national conditions:

- Plans to be jointly agreed ;
- Maintain provision of social care services;
- Agreement for the delivery of 7-day services across health and social care to prevent

unnecessary non-elective admissions to acute settings and to facilitate transfer to alternative care settings when clinically appropriate;

- Better data sharing between health and social care, based on the NHS number;
- Ensure a joint approach to assessments and care planning and ensure that, where funding is used for integrated packages of care, there will be an accountable professional;
- Agreement on the consequential impact of the changes on the providers that are predicted to be substantially affected by the plans;
- Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include a wide range of services including social care;
- Agreement on local action plan to reduce delayed transfers of care.

2016-17 BCF submission

Our 2016-17 BCF is essentially a continuation of our 2015-16 BCF (previously approved by the HWBB) with the exception that our previous BCF 09 project –Access to General Practice, has been removed from the BCF and is now funded directly by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Each BCF scheme has developed a 16-17 business case which have been reviewed and signed off by Wokingham Integration Strategic Partnership (WISP) a sub-group of the HWBB.

The attached template for submission we received from NHS England was completed but does not really allow for a clear easy overview of our BCF, the below allows a summary overview.

Wokingham's BCF 'On a Page'

1-INTEGRATED FRONT DOOR-

Health and Social Care Hub (BCF01), based at the Old Forge.

Single point of contact, resolving as many issues as possible, triaging enquiries and handover to statutory teams if needed.

ENABLERS

Connected Care (BCF07)
- Integrated IT systems

2-INTEGRATED SHORT TERM TEAM (WISH) (BCF02)

Joining Council's Health Liaison team, Optalis' START team and BHFT's Intermediate Care Team.

Less Delayed Transfers of Care, less avoidable admissions and less admissions to residential care homes, less handoffs for the public.

Innovative new services- Step Up/Step Down (BCF03) and Night Responder services (BCF04) and more Community Nursing Support to Care Homes (BCF06).

3-NEIGHBOURHOOD CLUSTERS, SELF-CARE AND PREVENTION (BCF08)

Integrating long-term social care and community health services.

Better MDT working with those most at risk of hospital admission.

Community navigators taking social prescriptions from GPs helping people to self-care better.

We were asked to submit a planning return (attached below) by the 2nd March, which outlined the financial contributions from the CCG and the Council, along with our performance metrics.

We were then asked to submit a first draft Narrative plan by 21st March 2016 in which we outlined how our BCF meets NHS England's Key Lines of Enquiries (KLOEs), which is attached below.

Assurance Process

NHS England have set out the below assurance process for approving 2016-17 BCF plans:

2 March Local areas to submit only the completed BCF Planning Return template, which includes technical information on funding contributions, a scheme level spending plan, national metric plans, and any local risk sharing agreement.

21 March First submission of full narrative plans for Better Care alongside a second submission of the BCF Planning Return template.

25 April Final submission signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board

After the first submission an NHS England review team give feedback based on where they think 'fully meets, partially meets or does not meet the KLOE criteria.

Feedback from NHS England

Wokingham BCF received feedback from NHS England on 1st April 2015 which advised that "the BCF plan was of good quality with supporting evidence on how the National Conditions will be delivered. The plan also demonstrated how performance will be maintained throughout 16/17, and your milestone plan and risk register are exemplars of effective planning and monitoring."

NHS England assessed our BCF plan against 117 separate Key Lines of Enquiries (KLOEs) and Wokingham's plan was deemed to have 'fully met' the criteria in all, except 7 areas that were deemed to have been 'partially met' and 1 area 'not met'. Most of these were with regard to a Delayed Transfer of Care (DToC) plan, which is being developed across Berkshire West.

All the areas of the plan being 'partially met or not met' will be revised to ensure full compliance before the 25th April final submission deadline and a briefing for the Chair of the Health and Well Being Board to explain these changes will be arranged to seek his approval.

Recommendation

That the HWBB approves Wokingham's 2016-17 BCF plan, subject to the changes being made following NHS England's assurance process, and authorises the Chair of the HWBB to give final authorisation for submission of the plan before the 25th of April 2016.

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