

TITLE	Better Care Fund Quarterly Return to Department of Health Quarter 4 2016
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health and Wellbeing Board on 16 June 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 the Health and Well Being Board (HWBB) note and approve the content of Wokingham's Better Care Fund quarterly return to the Department of Health (DoH) for Quarter 4 of 2015/16.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The Department of Health requires Health and Well-Being Boards Under s.223G of the NHS Act 2006 (as amended most recently by the Care Act 2014) to submit quarterly returns. It shows how our BCF plan is progressing against nationally set conditions, describing BCF finances and our performance targets.

The return shows that the Wokingham BCF is meeting all the national conditions and that we are on budget and not projected to overspend.

Background

The DoH timetable for the returns does not fit with HWBB meeting dates, so previously the HWBB agreed that the Chairman would approve (or not) the quarterly return and that they would then be brought to the subsequent HWBB.

The Berkshire West BCF programme office co-ordinates the completion of the quarterly return as they own most data required, local BCF resources complete certain sections and liaise with the delegated member, Julian McGhee-Sumner to sign off the return on behalf of the HWBB before submission to the DoH. This was completed on 13/5/16.

The report format changes from quarter to quarter to reflect the information that the DoH requires:

Tab 1 -Cover is a short summary of the return

Tab 2- Budget Arrangements asks whether we have met the national condition of pooled funding via a section 75 agreement, we have met this condition and this is reflected in this tab.

Tab 3- National Conditions shows that we currently meet all national BCF conditions.

Tab 4- Income and Expenditure - this tracks income into, and expenditure from, pooled budgets over the course of the year and provides some commentary.

Tab 5- Non-Elective (NEL) and Payment for Performance (P4P) - this tracks performance against NEL ambitions and associated P4P payments.

Tab 6- Metrics - this tracks performance against the locally set metric and locally defined patient experience metric in BCF plans and shows we are performing well against these.

Tab 7-Year end feedback for BCF 16-17 is a new tab this quarter which asks us to provide a commentary on our successes and other integration domains.

Tab 8-New integration metrics is a recent tab that asks for an update on progress regarding digital records, and personal health budgets. We reported that with digital integration maintaining good progress.

Tab 9- Narrative this provides additional commentary regarding the general, positive progress we have made throughout 2015-16 and an area we need to improve in for 2016-17.

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