

Quarterly Reporting Template - Guidance

Notes for Completion

The data collection template requires the Health & Wellbeing Board to track through the high level metrics and deliverables from the Health & Wellbeing Board Better Care Fund plan.

The completed return will require sign off by the Health & Wellbeing Board.

A completed return must be submitted to the Better Care Support Team inbox (england.bettercaresupport@nhs.net) by midday on 27th May 2016.

The BCF Q4 Data Collection

This Excel data collection template for Q4 2015-16 focuses on budget arrangements, the national conditions, non-elective admissions, income and expenditure to and from the fund, and performance on BCF metrics.

To accompany the quarterly data collection Health & Wellbeing Boards are required to provide a written narrative into the final tab to contextualise the information provided in this report and build on comments included elsewhere in the submission. This should include an overview of progress with your BCF plan, the wider integration of health and social care services, and a consideration of any variances against planned performance trajectories or milestones.

Cell Colour Key

Data needs inputting in the cell

Pre-populated cells

Question not relevant to you

Throughout this template cells requiring a numerical input are restricted to values between 0 and 100,000,000.

Content

The data collection template consists of 9 sheets:

Checklist - This contains a matrix of responses to questions within the data collection template.

1) Cover Sheet - this includes basic details and tracks question completion.

2) Budget arrangements - this tracks whether Section 75 agreements are in place for pooling funds.

3) National Conditions - checklist against the national conditions as set out in the Spending Review.

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

5) Non-Elective Admissions - this tracks performance against NEL ambitions.

6) Supporting Metrics - this tracks performance against the two national metrics, locally set metric and locally defined patient experience metric in BCF plans.

7) Year End Feedback - a series of questions to gather feedback on impact of the BCF in 2015-16

8) New Integration metrics - additional questions on new metrics that are being developed to measure progress in developing integrated, coordinated, and person centred care

9) Narrative - this allows space for the description of overall progress on BCF plan delivery and performance against key indicators.

Checklist

This sheet contains all the validations for each question in the relevant sections.

All validations have been coloured so that if a value does not pass the validation criteria the cell will be Red and contain the word "No" and if they pass validation they will be coloured Green and contain the word "Yes".

1) Cover Sheet

On the cover sheet please enter the following information:

The Health and Well Being Board

Who has completed the report, email and contact number in case any queries arise

Please detail who has signed off the report on behalf of the Health and Well Being Board.

Question completion tracks the number of questions that have been completed, when all the questions in each section of the template have been completed the cell will turn green. Only when all 9 cells are green should the template be sent to england.bettercaresupport@nhs.net

2) Budget Arrangements

This plays back to you your response to the question regarding Section 75 agreements from the previous quarterly submissions and requires 2 questions to be answered. Please answer as at the time of completion. If you answered 'Yes' previously the 2 further questions are not applicable and are not required to be answered.

If your previous submission stated that the funds had not been pooled via a Section 75 agreement, can you now confirm that they have?

If the answer to the above is 'No' please indicate when this will happen

3) National Conditions

This section requires the Health & Wellbeing Board to confirm whether the six national conditions detailed in the Better Care Fund Planning Guidance have been met through the delivery of your plan (<http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/part-rel/transformation-fund/bcf-plan/>). Please answer as at the time of completion.

It sets out the six conditions and requires the Health & Wellbeing Board to confirm 'Yes', 'No' or 'No - In Progress' that these have been met. Should 'No' or 'No - In Progress' be selected, please provide an explanation as to why the condition was not met within the year (in-line with signed off plan) and how this is being addressed.

Full details of the conditions are detailed at the bottom of the page.

4) Income and Expenditure

This tracks income into, and expenditure from, pooled budgets over the course of the year. This requires provision of the following information:

Forecasted income into the pooled fund for each quarter of the 2015-16 financial year
Confirmation of actual income into the pooled fund in Q1 to Q4
Forecasted expenditure from the pooled fund for each quarter of the 2015-16 financial year
Confirmation of actual expenditure from the pooled fund in Q1 to Q4

Figures should reflect the position by the end of each quarter. It is expected that the total planned income and planned expenditure figures for 2015-16 should equal the total pooled budget for the Health and Wellbeing Board.

There is also an opportunity to provide a commentary on progress which should include reference to any deviation from plan or amendments to forecasts made since the previous quarter.

5) Non-Elective Admissions

This section tracks performance against NEL ambitions. The latest figures for planned activity are provided. One figure is to be input and one narrative box is to be completed:

Input actual Q4 2015-16 Non-Elective Admissions performance (i.e. number of NEAs for that period) - Cell P8
Narrative on the full year NEA performance

6) Supporting Metrics

This tab tracks performance against the two national supporting metrics, the locally set metric, and the locally defined patient experience metric submitted in approved BCF plans. In all cases the metrics are set out as defined in the approved plan for the HWB and the following information is required for each metric:

An update on indicative progress against the four metrics for Q4 2015-16
Commentary on progress against the metric

If the information is not available to provide an indication of performance on a measure at this point in time then there is a drop-down option to indicate this. Should a patient experience metric not have been provided in the original BCF plan or previous data returns there is an opportunity to state the metric that you are now using.

7) Year End Feedback

This tab provides an opportunity to provide give additional feedback on your progress in delivering the BCF in 2015-16 through a number of survey questions. The purpose of this survey is to provide an opportunity for local areas to consider the impact of the first year of the BCF and to feed this back to the national team review the overall impact across the country. There are a total of 12 questions. These are set out below.

Part 1 - Delivery of the Better Care Fund

There are a total of 10 questions in this section. Each is set out as a statement, for which you are asked to select one of the following responses:

- Strongly Disagree
- Agree
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

The questions are:

1. Our BCF schemes were implemented as planned in 2015-16
2. The delivery of our BCF plan in 2015-16 had a positive impact the integration of health and social care in our locality
3. The delivery of our BCF plan in 2015-16 had a positive impact in avoiding Non-Elective Admissions
4. The delivery of our BCF plan in 2015-16 had a positive impact in reducing the rate of Delayed Transfers of Care
5. The delivery of our BCF plan in 2015-16 had a positive impact in reducing the proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services
6. The delivery of our BCF plan in 2015-16 had a positive impact in reducing the rate of Permanent admissions of older people (aged 65 and over) to residential and nursing care homes
7. The overall delivery of our BCF plan in 2015-16 has improved joint working between health and social care in our locality
8. The implementation of a pooled budget through a Section 75 agreement in 2015-16 has improved joint working between health and social care in our locality
9. The implementation of risk sharing arrangements through the BCF in 2015-16 has improved joint working between health and social care in our locality
10. The expenditure from the fund in 2015-16 has been in line with our agreed plan

Part 2 - Successes and Challenges

There are a total of 2 questions in this section, for which up to three responses are possible. The questions are:

11. What have been your greatest successes in delivering your BCF plan for 2015-16?
12. What have been your greatest challenges in delivering your BCF plan for 2015-16?

These are free text responses, but should be assigned to one of the following categories (as used for previous BCF surveys):

1. Leading and managing successful Better Care Fund implementation
2. Delivering excellent on the ground care centred around the individual
3. Developing underpinning, integrated datasets and information systems
4. Aligning systems and sharing benefits and risks
5. Measuring success
6. Developing organisations to enable effective collaborative health and social care working relationships
7. Other - please use the comment box to provide details

8) New Integration Metrics

This tab includes a handful of new metrics designed with the intention of gathering some detailed intelligence on local progress against some key elements of person-centred, co-ordinated care. Following feedback from colleagues across the system these questions have been modified from those that appeared in the last BCF Quarterly Data Collection Template (Q2 / Q3 2015-16). Nonetheless, they are still in draft form, and the Department of Health are keen to receive feedback on how they could be improved / any complications caused by the way that they have been posed.

For the question on progress towards instillation of Open APIs, if an Open API is installed and live in a given setting, please state 'Live' in the 'Projected 'go-live' date field.
For the question on use and prevalence of Multi-Disciplinary/Integrated Care Teams please choose your answers based on the proportion of your localities within which Multi-Disciplinary/Integrated Care Teams are in use.

For the PHB metric, areas should include all age groups, as well as those PHBs that form part of a jointly-funded package of care which may be administered by the NHS or by a partner organisation on behalf of the NHS (e.g. local authority). Any jointly funded personal budgets that include NHS funding are automatically counted as a personal health budget. We have expanded this definition following feedback received during the Q3 reporting process, and to align with other existing PHB data collections.

9) Narrative

In this tab HWBs are asked to provide a brief narrative on year-end overall progress, reflecting on a first full year of the BCF, with reference to the information provided within this and previous quarterly returns.