

# Briefing Note - Joint Commissioning Board report for HWB

## The Better Care Fund – September 2016 update

### 1. 2016/2017 Better Care Fund plan

Confirmation was received from NHS England (NHSE) on July 21st, that following the regional assurance process, the Enfield BCF plan has been classified as 'Approved' i.e. the plan meets all the NHSE requirements and the focus should now be on delivery.

The BCF funding will now be released and it is noted that it is subject to the funding being used in accordance with the final approved plan, which has demonstrated:

- compliance with the conditions set out in the BCF policy framework for 2016-17
- compliance with the BCF planning guidance for 2016-17
- the funding will be transferred into pooled funds under a Section 75 agreement

### 2. BCF Quarterly data collection requirements

The Q1 data return (for the period April to June 2016) has been completed, approved and submitted to NHSE by the September 9<sup>th</sup> deadline.

It is expected that NHSE will publish the Q1 Data Collection and Performance report for all HWB areas by mid October.

Some points to note:

Non-Elective Admissions (NEAs)

- Q1 data is currently being validated
- Previous years data was sourced from the Monthly Activity Return (MAR) and from 2016/17 the Secondary Uses Service (SUS) data will be used, so comparison year to year will no longer be possible. This change is to ensure consistency in data source across all HWB areas.
- Also North Middlesex are now changing the categorisation of Ambulatory Emergency Care (AEC) activity from admission to attendance, which will likely result in a decrease in figures. As a result, a revision request to the CCG's Operating Plan is pending. These revisions would eventually feed through to the BCF quarterly monitoring templates.

Diagnosis of dementia

- Performance in June was marginally below target. However additional consultant capacity commissioned in 2016/17 shows that improvement in the diagnostic imaging pathway are having a positive impact on waiting times.

Re-ablement

- Q1 figures show a marked increase over 15/16, with April exceeding the target and YTD only slightly under the target (by 2%)

### 3. 2016/17 Governance and reporting

As reported in the July BCF update to the HWB, the governance arrangements supporting the plan have been strengthened to ensure there is closer monitoring in relation to performance, finance and monitoring scheme outcomes.

#### **BCF plan implementation**

The Finance and Activity sub group has now been refocused into the BCF Delivery Group and key responsibilities are:

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- To oversee the implementation of the BCF plan
- To provide challenge, assurance and to advise on all matters relating to the delivery of the BCF plan, including: finance, activity, performance, scheme / project implementation and issue resolution.
- To provide written reports / make recommendations to the BCF Executive, Joint Commissioning Board (JCB) and Enfield Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) as required
- To manage the BCF Risk Register and recommend any mitigating actions / plans to minimise risk as required

Meetings are also being focused on particular themes to enable more detailed discussions to be held. To date performance metrics and methodology have been reviewed and a detailed indicator guide produced that defines the metrics and how they are measured.

### **2016/17 business cases**

BCF business cases are in the process of being updated for existing schemes and drafted for new schemes. A new template is in use that has been informed by audit recommendations – it is more streamlined and makes it easier to assess against BCF priorities and performance indicators and it also highlights scheme outcomes.

### **Audit report recommendations**

The action plan produced from the 3 audit reports (Ernst Young, PA Consulting and Price Waterhouse Cooper) has been reviewed during August and there are now only 2 recommendations that are not complete and both of these relate to improving the monitoring of scheme outcomes. It should be noted that this work is in progress and on track and will be reviewed and monitored by the BCF Delivery Group.

## **4. Feedback from August 3<sup>rd</sup> BCF leads Network group meeting**

### **Future BCF Planning**

The aim is to move to a 2 year planning cycle and the timescale for commencement has been brought forward to autumn 2016. The template is currently being developed and it is intended that only essential information will be collected.

The expectations are:

- It will be linked to the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)
- A model / plan will be developed locally for integration
- National standards will be set which will need to be met locally
- A dashboard of metrics will be established

### **Integration**

Two key documents have now been published (on behalf of the LGA, NHS Confederation and ADASS) that will inform the future development of integration:

- Stepping up to the place: the key to successful health and social care integration  
This includes a shared vision, what has been learned about successful integration and issues for local and national leaders
- Stepping up to the place: Integration self-assessment tool

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This tool offers an opportunity to self-assess the present state of readiness across the key elements and characteristics needed for success and to identify areas for improvement.

### **2016/2017 BCF Network meetings**

Themes for 2016/2017 BCF Network meetings to support the delivery of the plan have been agreed:

- Risk stratification and targeting BCF schemes
- Measuring success and evaluating BCF schemes
- Delayed transfer of care (DTocS) - reviewing progress, successes and barriers
- Locality working and Joint approach to care planning
- Integrating mental and physical health

### **5. Local Integration**

As reported at the July HWB, discussions have been taking place about the future role of the Integration Board in order to support plans and preparation for Health and Social Care Integration in 2020. Based on conversations to date, there is a view that the Integration Board as it is, is not fit for purpose and is replaced by a steering group/sub-board of the HWB to support and provide a steer on the development of a local strategic plan for 2017. As discussed at the recent HWB development session, the plan will highlight the positive activity and integrated services already in place in the borough. Further information will be brought to the December for HWB consideration.

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