

Title of Report:	Better Care Fund – Progress Report
Report to be considered by:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Date of Meeting:	25 th September 2014
Forward Plan Ref:	N/a

Purpose of Report: To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board on the current position regarding the Better Care Fund schemes.

Recommended Action: The Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.

Reason for decision to be taken: No decision required

Other options considered: None

Key background documentation: None

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This covering report introduces highlight reports drafted to update the Health and Wellbeing Board about progress on West Berkshire Better Care Fund projects.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) has been established, using existing CCG funding, to promote greater integration between Health and Social Care. Whilst final approval of the plans by the Department of Health is not expected until November, work to deliver the projects is underway.
- 2.2 The West of Berkshire Integration Programme has been established around 3 key priorities – Elderly Frail, Mental Health and Children. The initial focus is on Elderly Frail as this is seen as the area that will create the most demand and BCF projects were selected on the basis that they would have the most impact in addressing this area.

3. BCF Projects

- 3.1 The BCF proposals comprised 7 schemes which have now been grouped into 5 projects:

(1) **Hospital At Home**

Reducing non-elective admissions into hospital by enabling patients to receive treatment in their own home

(2) **Integrated Health and Social Care Hub**

Create a single point of contact for health and social care services

(3) **Enhanced Care and Nursing homes support**

Reduce non-elective admissions from care homes by enhancing the level of support available to homes from health professionals.

(4) **Joint Provider Project** (incorporating 7 day working and direct commissioning by specified health staff)

Developing a more cohesive service which will reduce duplication, improve access and increase capacity. This will allow us to support more people to regain their independence after a stay in hospital and reduce demand for longer term care.

(5) **Personal Recovery Guide**

Reduce delayed transfers of care by supporting vulnerable clients to navigate the health and social care system.

3.2 Project progress is variable as some projects were already well underway as part of the CCGs QIPP savings programme. All have appointed project managers, nominated project teams and plans in place.

3.3 Going forward it is intended to keep Health and Wellbeing Board sighted on progress through the use of Highlight Reports. The first set is provided at Appendix A.

4. Other key deliverables that support integration

4.1 In addition to the main projects it is recognised that information sharing and workforce capacity need to be addressed to ensure effective integration. Both have appointed project managers, nominated project teams and plans in place. Highlight reports on these will be provided at the next meeting.

Appendices

Appendix A – Hospital at Home Project Highlight Report
Appendix B - Care Home CES in Berkshire West Project Highlight Report
Appendix C - Integrated Health & Social Care Hub Project Highlight Report
Appendix D - Joint Care Provider Project Highlight Report
Appendix E - Personal Recovery Guide / Key worker Project Highlight Report

Consultees

Local Stakeholders: n/a

Officers Consulted:

Trade Union: Not applicable