

Selected Health and Well Being Board:

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Data Submission Period:

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**National Conditions**

The Spending Round established six national conditions for access to the Fund.

Please confirm by selecting 'Yes', 'No' or 'No - In Progress' against the relevant condition as to whether these are on track as per your final BCF plan.

Further details on the conditions are specified below.

If 'No' or 'No - In Progress' is selected for any of the conditions please include a comment in the box to the right

Condition	Please Select (Yes, No or No - In Progress)	Comment
1) Are the plans still jointly agreed?	Yes	
2) Are Social Care Services (not spending) being protected?	Yes	
3) Are the 7 day services to support patients being discharged and prevent unnecessary admission at weekends in place and delivering?	No	Planned discharges can be supported as can less complex cases where care is already in place or small care packages are needed to support discharge; these arrangements meet the current level of demand from the acute sector, however, as the hospital services increase their capacity to effect weekend discharges the community response will develop under the Joint Care Provider Project.
4) In respect of data sharing - confirm that:		
i) Is the NHS Number being used as the primary identifier for health and care services?	Yes	
ii) Are you pursuing open APIs (i.e. systems that speak to each other)?	Yes	
iii) Are the appropriate Information Governance controls in place for information sharing in line with Caldicott 2?	No	Details of Information sharing protocols are being worked up through the Connected Care Project.
5) Is a joint approach to assessments and care planning taking place and where funding is being used for integrated packages of care, is there an accountable professional?	No	This is the focus fo the Joint Care Provider Project which enters it's Innovation Phase from 1st June 2015.
6) Is an agreement on the consequential impact of changes in the acute sector in place?	No	Under discussion

**National conditions - Guidance**

The Spending Round established six national conditions for access to the Fund:

**1) Plans to be jointly agreed**

The Better Care Fund Plan, covering a minimum of the pooled fund specified in the Spending Round, and potentially extending to the totality of the health and care spend in the Health and Wellbeing Board area, should be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board itself, and by the constituent Councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups. In

**2) Protection for social care services (not spending)**

Local areas must include an explanation of how local adult social care services will be protected within their plans. The definition of protecting services is to be agreed locally. It should be consistent with 2012 Department of Health guidance to NHS England on the funding transfer from the NHS to social care in 2013/14:

**3) As part of agreed local plans, 7-day services in health and social care to support patients being discharged and prevent unnecessary admissions at weekends**

Local areas are asked to confirm how their plans will provide 7-day services to support patients being discharged and prevent unnecessary admissions at weekends. If they are not able to provide such plans, they must explain why. There will not be a nationally defined level of 7-day services to be provided. This will be for local determination

**4) Better data sharing between health and social care, based on the NHS number**

The safe, secure sharing of data in the best interests of people who use care and support is essential to the provision of safe, seamless care. The use of the NHS number as a primary identifier is an important element of this, as is progress towards systems and processes that allow the safe and timely sharing of information. It is also vital that the local areas should:

- confirm that they are using the NHS Number as the primary identifier for health and care services, and if they are not, when they plan to;
- confirm that they are pursuing open APIs (i.e. systems that speak to each other); and
- ensure they have the appropriate Information Governance controls in place for information sharing in line with Caldicott 2, and if not, when they plan for it to be in place.

NHS England has already produced guidance that relates to both of these areas. (It is recognised that progress on this issue will require the resolution of some Information Governance issues by DH).

**5) 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**

Local areas should identify which proportion of their population will be receiving case management and a lead accountable professional, and which proportions will be receiving self-management help - following the principles of person-centred care planning. Dementia services will be a particularly important priority for better integrated health

**6) Agreement on the consequential impact of changes in the acute sector**

Local areas should identify, provider-by-provider, what the impact will be in their local area, including if the impact goes beyond the acute sector. Assurance will also be sought on public and patient and service user engagement in this planning, as well as plans for political buy-in. Ministers have indicated that, in line with the Mandate