

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Better Care Fund – Progress Report</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	The Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Purpose of Report:** To update the Health and Wellbeing Board about progress on the Better Care Fund schemes and to seek approval of the first quarterly data return.

**Recommended Action:** For information and approval.

*When decisions of the Health and Wellbeing Board impact on the finances or general operation of the Council, recommendations of the Board must be referred up to the Executive for final determination and decision.*

<b>Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council’s Executive for final determination?</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Is this item relevant to equality?</b>	Please tick relevant boxes		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:				
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome</b> Where one or more ‘Yes’ boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality. In this instance please give details of how the item impacts upon the equality streams under the executive report section as outlined.				

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# Executive Report

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## 1. Programme Status

- 1.1 Work is underway on all of the schemes in the West Berkshire BCF programme. The two locality projects are currently rated as amber, remedial actions have been agreed to ensure projects are on track.

## 2. BCF Quarterly Data Collection

- 2.1 The Department of Health (DoH) has introduced a quarterly template to enable the Health and Wellbeing Boards to track performance on the delivery of the Better Care Fund Programme of work. The first quarter report has been submitted Delegated authority to the Corporate Director, Communities Directorate to be confirmed by the Board.
- 2.2 As part of the assurance process the return requires Health and Wellbeing Board approval. This would normally be completed prior to submission to the DoH however timeframes this time did not allow this.
- 2.3 Going forward the Board will have to approve further quarterly returns and arrangements will be put in place that ensure this is achieved before it is submitted.

## 3. BCF Projects progress

### (1) Hospital At Home

The business case has now been reframed to shift the focus to early supported discharge and admission avoidance. Further work has been completed on the costs/benefits assessment and, this is to be reviewed by the Hospital at Home Project Group. The focus is on health provider provision but any impact for social care services will be kept under close review. Since the 'soft launch' on June 22<sup>nd</sup> only one patient has proved suitable for the scheme which raises further questions about the project target group.

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

The Health Hub is already successfully operating as a conduit for referrals from Health to Local authorities. The scope of the project has been to develop a single triage point for all referrals to Health and the Local Authorities. This development would contradict the new approach to Adult Social Care that the Council is adopting where the emphasis is on a detailed engagement with clients at the first point of contact in order to link individuals with universal services, and where necessary funded services as quickly as possible to minimise dependency on Council funded services. The position that the Council is taking is that the current function of the Hub is helpful, however, the Council would not transfer its resources to the proposed Health and Social Care Hub to support a Triage function being carried out on behalf of West Berkshire Council. The project is expected to proceed on the basis that it will provide the Triage function as planned for Wokingham Council. As the project develops it is expected to consider the range of emergency and out of hours responses that are needed by all providers and West Berkshire Council will be interested in the potential benefits of the Hub in delivery of those services.

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

Scheme is focussed on preventing admissions to hospital. It is investing in a Pharmacist and Speech and Language Therapist to support the delivery of care in care homes. New NICE guidance may result in a shift in focus to include more engagement with local authorities to reflect our new responsibilities under the Care Act.

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

The project will simplify access to and reduce duplication in the delivery of care by BHFT Intermediate Care, and the Council's Maximising Independence and Reablement care Services. The Innovation phase of the project, testing the new 'Pathway' for all individuals being discharged from the Royal Berkshire Hospital commenced on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be followed by a Consolidation Phase responding to community referrals as well as discharges from Swindon, Basingstoke and West Berkshire Community Hospitals extending the service from September 2015. Under the project some initial testing of the value of providing a limited Care Management service in the 3 acute hospitals on Saturdays and Sundays is meeting some success, but needs further evaluation.

(5) **Personal Recovery Guide**

The scheme will provide a Guide to vulnerable residents who are using the complex network of health and social care services. Contracts have been signed with British Red Cross, AgeUK and the Volunteer Centre West Berkshire (VCWB) to provide this joint service in a pilot phase which commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015; the British Red Cross has made progress on recruitment and has started to provide a limited service. Proving the value of this service is planned to lead to an ongoing contract through competitive tender from April 2016.

**4. Equalities**

- 4.1 Projects contained within the Better Care Fund programme are focused service improvement and should result in a better service for all.

**5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 That the quarterly data collection return be approved, as set out in paragraph 2.2 of this report.

**Appendices**

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Appendix A – Highlight Reports: **Included within separate information only pack**

Appendix B – Integration Portfolio Status Report and Risk Register

Appendix C – BCF Quarterly Data Collection 14/15: **Included within separate information only pack**

**Consultees**

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