

<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>	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Purpose of Report:** To update the Health and Wellbeing Board about progress on West Berkshire Locality Better Care Fund Programme

**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 Quarter 2 template has been submitted. Quarter 3 data will be submitted in February 2016.
- 2.2 In order to smooth the submission process delegated authority to the Head of Service, Adult Social Care, West Berkshire Council in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board has been sought. This will be incorporated as part of changes to the Council's constitution.
3. **'Showcasing' West Berkshire.** The visit is scheduled for the 3 February 2016, an agenda has been developed and will involve as many system representatives as possible.
4. **Better Care Fund from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.** The Department of Health has confirmed that there will be a BCF for 16/17. Operational guidance will be published in January 2016. The timetable will be very challenging with the outline financial planning needing to be submitted by the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Initial discussions between the Council and the CCG are underway.

## 5. BCF Projects progress

### (1) Hospital At Home

The resources for this project have been redirected as some health staff had been appointed to this project they are being used in 2 short term projects a) to explore the potential of a Care Home crisis response team to try to reduce the numbers of unnecessary admissions to hospitals from care homes, and b) to provide enhanced medical support in Prospect Park Hospital for Older inpatients; currently these projects are planned up to 31/3/16.

### (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) **Care Home Project** 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. It is encouraging care homes to access health services within the homes. It is also running a leadership programme for a number of care home managers; the option of re-running this leadership course is being explored to ensure that the full range of care homes in West Berkshire can benefit.

- (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 was followed by a Consolidation Phase responding to discharges from Swindon, Basingstoke and West Berkshire Community Hospitals from 1<sup>st</sup> November 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 proving successful this has now been established as a new service standard, however, funding is only in place to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 under the BCF and the extension of this service will be dependent upon BCF funding agreements beyond that date. This project will shortly be closed as the service becomes 'business as usual'.

- (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; all three providers have staff and volunteers in place to deliver this service and have engaged in a publicity campaign to attract users of the service. The pilot was expected to lead to an ongoing contract through competitive tender from April 2016, however, the take up of the service during this short pilot phase has been gradual as it is taking time for it to become known about and by April 2016 there will be insufficient data on which to confidently design a service going forward; for this reason the Integrated Steering Board has taken a decision in principle to extend the pilot for a further 3 months, subject to successful negotiations with the providers regarding the terms of the extension.

- (6) **Workforce Project**

The project is developing the role of Generic Support Worker as a model to explore combining health and social care tasks to rationalise the number of staff who may be visiting individuals in their own homes. The Council's Reablement Service is taking part in the planning and implementation of this pilot. The Workforce Project will be developing a Business Case for this project which will set out the overall cost

benefits to the BW10 Partnership system, as well as potential cost pressure changes that may result from Councils taking over some Health tasks or vice versa.

## **6. Equalities**

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

## **Appendices**

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Appendix A – Highlight Report

Appendix B – Integration Portfolio Status Report and Risk Register

Appendix C -

## **Consultees**

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**Officers Consulted:** Steve Duffin, Shairoz Claridge, Patrick Leavey

**Other:** Not applicable