
Better Care Fund Plan 2021-2022

Report being considered by:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Item for:	Decision

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to gain formal sign-off for West Berkshire's Better Care Fund Plan 2021-2022, which consists of two parts: narrative plan and planning template.

2. Recommendation(s)

To approve the Better Care Fund Plan for 2021-2022.

3. How the Health and Wellbeing Board can help

Approve the Better Care Fund Plan for 2021-2022.

4. Introduction/Background

- 4.1 The Better Care Fund Policy Framework for 2021-2022 provides continuity from the previous rounds of the programme.
- 4.2 The Policy Framework was published in October 2021.
- 4.3 The Policy Framework sets out four national conditions:
 - 1. A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
 - 2. NHS contribution to Adult Social Care to be maintained in line with the uplift to CCG minimum contribution.
 - 3. Invest in NHS commissioned out of hospital services.
 - 4. Plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital.
- 4.4 The Policy Framework also sets out four national metrics:
 - (1) Effectiveness of reablement (proportion of older people still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement or rehabilitation).
 - (2) Older Adults whose long term care needs are met by admission to residential or nursing care per 100,000 population.
 - (3) The previous measure on non-elective admissions has been replaced with a measure of avoidable admissions (unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions)

- (4) The previous measure on Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC) was suspended from March 2020 due to Covid-19. New measures have been introduced to reflect the new hospital discharged policy, which was published in June 2021. These measures are:

- reducing length of stay in hospital, measured through the percentage of hospital inpatients who have been in hospital for longer than 14 and 21 days
- Improving the proportion of people discharged home using data on discharge to their usual place of residence.

4.5 The BCF planning requirements for 2021-2022 require a short narrative plan and a planning template to be completed (see attached appendices).

4.6 BCF plans will be approved by NHS England following a joint NHS and Local Government assurance process at regional level.

4.7 BCF Plans must be submitted from Health and Wellbeing Boards by 16th November 2021 and delegated Authority was granted by the Chair for this to happen prior to formal sign-off from the Board.

5. Consultation and Engagement

5.1 Graham Bridgeman, Health and Wellbeing Board Chair, Dr. James Kent, CCG Accountable Lead, Nigel Lynn, Chief Executive, Andy Sharp, LA Executive Director, Katie Summers, CCG Director, Paul Coe, Service Director Adult Social Care, Jo Stewart, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Royal Berkshire Healthcare Trust and Members of the Locality Integration Board.

6. Appendices

Appendix A – West Berkshire's BCF Narrative Plan

Appendix B – West Berkshire's BCF planning template

Background Papers:

None

Health and Wellbeing Priorities 2018/19 Supported:

- ☐ Promote positive mental health and wellbeing for adults.
- ☐ Improve opportunities for vulnerable people to access education, employment, training and volunteering.

Health and Wellbeing Strategic Aims Supported:

The proposals will help achieve the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy aim(s):

- ☐ Give every child the best start in life
- ☐ Support mental health and wellbeing throughout life
- ☐ Reduce premature mortality by helping people lead healthier lives
- ☐ Build a thriving and sustainable environment in which communities can flourish
- ☒ Help older people maintain a healthy, independent life for as long as possible

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