

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting to be held on 17th July 2018

Lancashire Better Care Fund (BCF and iBCF), 2017-18 Annual Report and Update.

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(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refers)

Executive Summary

The year 2017/18 saw considerable activity and change across the Lancashire Better Care Fund (BCF). The performance against metrics was good for both Reablement success and reducing the numbers of permanent admissions to residential and nursing homes. It was also so for the number of non-elective admissions that were slightly below the target.

The main area of focus for the year was the level of Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) across hospitals in Lancashire and the split of responsibility for these across health and social care. There was an overall reduction during the year that saw a convergence towards the revised and highly challenging targets. The greater reduction was seen in social care attributable delays.

There was a high level of cooperation and challenge across the whole health and social care system that has resulted in improved Delayed Transfers of Care performance and a continuing improvement in collaborative working that includes the voluntary sector and district councils.

The level of funding via the Better Care Fund increased overall and was then supplemented by the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF). This required and ultimately enabled better joint working and decision making across health and social care and targeting of new and enhanced services at shared priorities.

Such was the challenge around Delayed Transfers of Care that national resources were allocated to provide currently ongoing Delayed Transfers of Care diagnostic work that has presented its findings and is now shaping up how the improvement themes will be applied. As there is a two year Better Care Fund and an Improved Better Fund plan in place there is no need for further detailed planning at present. The NHS plan and social care green paper due in Autumn will provide detail of the nature and purpose of the Better Care Fund beyond 2019/20 although it has been indicated that there will be an increased emphasis on integration and the Better Care Fund will be at the centre of this. A report will be provided to the board when the information becomes available.

Recommendation/s

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the Better Care Fund annual summary provided at Appendix'A'.
2. Request a further report on the outcomes of the Delayed Transfers of Care diagnostic work once this is complete.
3. Request a report on future planning requirements for the Better Care Fund once this is known.

Background

The Health and Wellbeing Board has received updates on the Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund during 2017/18. This report provides the end of year summary as set out in Appendix 'A'. Further reports will continue to provide updates on specific areas of BCF related activity during 2018/19.

List of background papers

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund plan 2017/19 (Appendix 'B').

Statement of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, NHS Long Term Plan, 18th June 2018, Hansard....

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-18/debates/6FAA6047-F74C-40ED-9C01-CE7313E8B740/NHSLong-TermPlan>