

2016/17 Better Care Fund Policy Framework...Key points

- Nationally mandated minimum of £3.9 billion
- Lancashire mandated minimum of ...£91.4m
- It is important that Better Care Fund Plans are aligned to other programmes of work including the new models of care as set out in the NHS Five Year forward View and delivery of 7 day services
- Simplified and streamlined the planning and assurance of the Better Care Fund in 2016/17
- Payment for performance framework removed
- 2 new national conditions
 1. Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out of hospital services, which may include a wide range of services including social care.
 2. Agreement on a local action plan to reduce delayed transfers of care.
- A reduced amount of finance and activity information relation to local better Care Fund plans will be collected alongside CCG operational planning returns to be submitted to NHS England, to ensure consistency and alignment.
- In the interests of stability and consistency, the five key BCF metrics will remain as for 2015/16.
- For 2016/17 authorities in two-tier areas will have to allocate Disabled Facilities Grant funding to their respective housing authorities from the pooled budget to enable them to continue to meet their statutory duty to provide adaptations to homes of disabled people.

Beyond 2016/17 BCF

- By 2020 health and social care to be integrated across England.
- All areas to have an integration plan in place by March 2017
- BCF will graduate to integration plan