

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Lancashire Better Care Fund Quarterly update

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board of the progress of the delivery of the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan through updates of performance against the BCF metrics and BCF associated development. In addition it gives further detail, in Appendix A, of Reablement services as previously requested by the Health and Wellbeing board.

The two hospital related metrics, Non elective admissions and Delayed Transfers of Care, both show variance from target, 6.7% and 11.5% respectively.

Both were affected by spikes in single months with these are likely to be linked as Delayed Transfers of Care levels lagged behind Non Elective Admissions.

Beyond continuing growth in demand it is a challenge to identify clear reasons for this level of performance especially the spikes. Anecdotally some cause is attributed to staff leave and junior doctor rotation over that period.

The picture is much better for the remaining metrics.

Residential and Nursing Care admissions continue to fall and are on track.

The positive impact of reablement is seen in its 91% performance that supports a strong argument for continued investment in and development of the service. Appendix A gives further detail.

The dementia diagnosis rate continues to exceed target and has settled at a meaningful and manageable level.

The voluntary sector in Lancashire has recognised the opportunity to bring a different set of skills and strengths to the BCF and has developed a comprehensive offer that is being further considered by all commissioners.

Connections across boundaries continue to develop and meetings are now taking place to lay the ground to ensure that BCF plans are aligned within the STP footprint.

Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the level of performance, in quarter 2 of 2016/17, against the BCF metrics.
2. Ratify the submission of the Lancashire BCF performance update to NHS England as set out in the report.
3. Note the further information regarding Reablement services.
4. Note the development of a Lancashire voluntary sector BCF offer.
5. Support the work to align BCFs within the Lancashire and South Cumbria STP.

Background

The Lancashire Better Care Fund is in its second full year. The fund of £91.4 m is pooled and supports the delivery of 21 schemes across the county. £80.0m of the fund is allocated from the 6 Lancashire CCG core allocations. The remainder is allocated by government and distributed, via Lancashire County Council, to the district councils so that they can meet their statutory duties to provide Disabled Facilities grants.

The fund aims to support the health, wellbeing and independence of vulnerable people. This is intended to lead to reduction in unplanned hospital admissions, reduced numbers of delayed transfers of care and a lower level of permanent residential and nursing home admissions with people better enabled to stay in their own homes longer.

The performance of the BCF and its delivery plan is measured through four metrics. This is reported quarterly to NHS England using data collected through national and local systems. This report sets out the performance for quarter 2 of 2016/17 i.e. July to September 2016 inclusive.

Additional information is given in Appendix A that sets the context for the performance against the reablement metric.

List of background papers

- Lancashire Better Care Fund Plan 2016/17
- [NHS England Better Care Fund web page](#)
- Better Care Fund Planning Requirements for 2016-17 LGA/ NHSE February 2016

Better Care Fund performance quarter 2 2016/17

Non elective admissions (unplanned admissions)

Quarter 1 saw performance match target. For quarter 2 the target level was 33,161 admissions with the actual being 35,382, a 6.7% variance. The greatest part of this was due to a sharp spike in non- elective admissions during August that represented an 18.5% variance to August 2015/16.

Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC)

Quarter 2 showed an improvement over Q1 DTC performance with a reduced variance from plan of 11.5%. This variance resulted wholly as a result of the high level of DTC reported in September. September DTC level was 25.7% above the September 2015 level.

Permanent admissions of older people to residential and nursing care homes

Performance is based on a rolling year. The Q2 outcome of 702.5 admissions per 100,000 population aged 65+ is a further improvement on the Q1 outcome of 720.0 and the Q4 2015/16 outcome of 728.5. Performance is on track to meet the end of year target of 682.7.

Reablement: The proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement services

The Q2 performance of 91.10% far exceeds the 82% target and builds on the previous quarter's 84.0%. This level of performance supports a strong case for continued investment in these services. The Health and Wellbeing Board has previously noted the strong performance for this measure and sought further information on the services that have impacted upon it. Appendix A gives an overview of reablement services in Lancashire including current service configuration and investment along with the commissioning intentions for this effective and very much in demand service.

Patient experience metric: Annually reported.

Dementia Diagnosis Rate: This is a locally agreed performance measure. At September 2016 the diagnosis rate was 67.8%, continuing to exceed the 67% target as it has done for over 12 months.

Financial Performance:

The financial performance of the fund is in line with plan. The Section 75 Agreement pooled fund hosted by Lancashire County Council, received income from commissioners totalling £22,854k and made payments to service providers totalling the same value. The Better Care Fund expenditure is, at Q2, forecast to be on plan for the full year.

BCF developments

The voluntary sector in Lancashire has formed a consortium that has produced a comprehensive voluntary sector offer to the Lancashire BCF. The offer, in summary, is:

- Support to the 2016 /17 BCF Plan to engage the voluntary sector in delivering joint service outcomes
- Based on a needs led partnership of voluntary sector specialist organisations
- Building specialist expertise and capacity in grassroots and community partners
- Creating a delivery chain of tiered support for service users and their families
- Creating added value and expertise in our communities

The offer is being progressed and is expected to bring opportunities to access wider funding streams.

The Lancashire BCF is connecting with the A&E delivery boards and Urgent and Emergency Care Network to ensure alignment of work streams on common priorities that include: Home of Choice, Discharge to Assess and Trusted Assessor models.

The Lancashire BCF is also connecting with the BCFs of Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Cumbria to develop to enable alignment of BCF plans and fit with the STP.