

North Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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None

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide the board with an update on: Better Care Fund for 2020-21 Quarter 4

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is an ongoing national initiative to drive transformation by providing mechanisms for integrated approaches to health and social care services, to enable people to manage their own health and wellbeing and live independently in communities for as long as possible.

2.2 Last year there were four national conditions set by the government in the BCF Policy Framework:

- i. The Plan, including minimum mandated funding from the CCG must be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), and by the constituent local authorities (LAs) and CCGs.
- ii. A demonstration of how the area will maintain the level of spending on social care services from the CCG minimum contribution in line with the uplift to the CCG's minimum contribution.
- iii. That a specific proportion of the area's allocation is invested in NHS-commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include seven day services and adult social care.
- iv. A clear plan on managing transfers of care, including implementation of the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfers of Care (HICM).

2.3 The Policy Framework set out the **four national metrics** which is a condition of access to the funding:

- Reducing non-elective admissions to hospital;
- Reducing admissions to residential care and care homes;
- Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services
- Reducing delayed transfers of care.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The board is asked to note the Better Care Fund 2020-21 Quarter 4 performance update.
- 3.2 It is a statutory duty of Health and Wellbeing Boards to oversee implementation of the local BCF Plan.

4. Report Background

4.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards had a statutory duty to approve the local BCF plan before submission, in order to obtain approval, the Board must be assured that all health and social care partners are in agreement with schemes set out in the BCF plan. The Board provides scrutiny and performance monitoring against the BCF Plan by receiving regular updates on the four key performance metrics.

4.2 Northamptonshire BCF plan consisted of a pooled budget between NCC and NHS Northamptonshire CCG, and also includes the additional funding streams:

- Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) paid directly to NCC to reduce pressure on the NHS by supporting people awaiting discharge from hospital.
- Winter Pressure Funding paid directly to NCC and used to help health and social services to combat winter pressures and alleviate pressure on hospitals.
- Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) paid directly to NCC and distributed to District and Borough Councils to enable people who are disabled to remain in or return to their own homes rather than being looked after in a care home or hospital.

4.3 Due to the COVID pandemic there was no national requirement to formulate a local BCF plan for 2020/2021, to ensure efforts continued to focus on response to the pandemic. It was therefore agreed in the absence of any national guidance and given the strategic direction, plans and successes in 2019-20, to maintain all the schemes that operated in the previous year's plan with no changes. But to also include new schemes funded by local government investment to start to create greater focus on admission or re-admission avoidance ahead of the planned creation of the integrated community services partnerships and provider alliances being launched.

4.4 The [Northamptonshire BCF Plan for 2020/2021](#) was approved by the Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board on the 24th September 2020 and will be delivered through the Integrated Care System and iCAN Programme. The BCF will

continue to be used as a mechanism for personalised and integrated approach to health and social care, enabling people to remain independent and at home or enable people to return home and remain independent once discharged from hospital.

5. Performance update

5.1 Reducing Non-Elective admissions (NEL) to hospital

The 2019-20 target was 87,117, the BCF plan has not yet been agreed for the current year.

Non-Elective Admissions for the final quarter of the 2020-21 year stands at 17,523.

This is 3,116 less NELs compared to same quarter last year, a 20% reduction. It is also 274 less than the previous quarter of the current year.

Our cumulative position at the end of the year shows a 28% reduction compared to previous year, with 20,047 less NELs at the end of the year.

The reduction this year will most certainly have been influenced by the Covid19 pandemic.

Nene & Corby Monthly Actuals

Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
4,394	5,105	5,708	5,956	5,907	6,210	6,181	5,793	5,823	5,593	5,348	6,582	68,600

Nene & Corby Quarterly Planned versus Actuals

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Planned (tbc)	-	-	-	-	-
Actuals	15,207	18,073	17,797	17,523	68,600
Variance	-	-	-	-	-
Variance (%)	-	-	-	-	-

5.2 Reducing 'Delayed Transfers of Care' (DToC) from hospital (delayed days)

There is no update on this data due to a pause in the recording and reporting of data within the NHS due to covid-19 pandemic, this affected the entire 2020-21 year with the latest information being available to March 2020.

5.3 Reducing the rate of permanent admissions to residential care per 100,000 population (65+)

The draft position (pre- SALT return submission) at the end of March 2021 is significantly lower than recorded in previous years, this is most likely in part to do with the Covid 19 pandemic.

For comparison the end of year position over the past 2 years was 451.1 (2019-20) and 531.0 (2018-19) per 100,000 population.

2020-21	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Quarterly Score	122.5	88.10	39.60	73.9
Cumulative Score	122.5	210.6	250.2	324.1

Data Source: SALT 2A P.2 2020-21

5.4 Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services

The proportion of older people who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital in quarter 4 is 73.9% a reduction from the previous quarters position of 82.8%. When compared to the same period in the previous year (81.5%) the current performance is 7.6% lower.

The cumulative position for April 2020 to March 2021 is 78% of older people who are were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital, the cumulative position last year was 81.9%.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Quarterly Score (%)	75.6	79.2	82.8	73.9
Cumulative Score (%)	75.6	77.5	79.4	78.0

Data Source: SALT 2020-21

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

6.1.1 There are no resource or financial implications arising from this report.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 It is a statutory requirement for North Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board to oversee implementation of the local BCF plan.

6.3 Risk

6.3.1 There are no risks arising from this report.

6.4 Consultation

6.4.1 No external consultation is necessary.

6.5 Consideration by Scrutiny

6.5.1 This report has not been submitted to the Scrutiny Commission.

7. Background Papers

7.1 Better Care Fund: Policy statement 2020- 2021