

Topic:	Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board: Staffordshire Better Care Fund
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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This paper has been produced to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the status of the Staffordshire Better Care Fund.
- 1.2 It provides a high level summary of the BCF Plan itself, along with an outline on current progress against this plan and next steps.

2 Staffordshire's Better Care Fund: a summary

- 2.1 The BCF is a mandatory national programme, which requires every Health & Wellbeing Board area to establish a pooled budget, in order to reduce non-emergency hospital admissions and protect Adult Social Care. It sees closer working between health and social care as key to addressing the challenges faced by acute providers and encourages integrated approaches to preventing and managing demand.
- 2.2 The Staffordshire BCF includes a series of schemes for closer integrated working and four national conditions, one of which relates to the Protection of Adult Social Care.
- 2.3 Under this National Condition Staffordshire's BCF Plan outlined a financial agreement as to how to achieve the Protection of Adult Social Care national condition in Staffordshire.

3 Protection of Adult Social Care

- 3.1 Work is progressing towards this. CCGs have agreed to transfer £1.977m to Staffordshire County Council for costs associated with the implementation of the Care Act. Partners have also developed enhanced services (and associated performance indicators) to tackle avoidable hospital admissions with the CCGs transferring funding of c£5m to SCC for these services.
- 3.2 Partners continue to explore options to improve performance in other areas to generate the remaining savings needed in order to protect adult social

care. An example of these options is given below:

- Assistive Technology – there is potential to harness opportunities, particularly in telehealth, to improve outcomes for people and generate savings for the BCF partners.
- Risk Stratification - there is potential to achieve a more in depth understanding of the needs of our population which will lead to more appropriate services and more effective use of resources.
- Community Risk Intervention Teams – by involving the Fire & Rescue Service and other agencies in the response to falls there is the opportunity to reduce emergency admissions to hospital.
- Community Nursing Task Force – by using community nursing specifically to address the issue of Urinary Tract Infections in nursing home residents there is the potential to significantly reduce non-elective hospital admissions.

3.3 It is worth noting that these options still require considerable additional work to explore and confirm their potential to generate savings for the partners. Alongside the development of PIDS for these opportunities, further discussions with the Pan-Staffordshire Transformation Programme will be required to agree how this work should be delivered.

4 BCF Quarterly Performance Reporting

4.1 Since the last update to the HWB, the BCF Support Team required that all BCF areas review and revise, if necessary, their targets for reduction in non-elective admissions. As a result of changes in CCG operating plans made after the submission and approval of the BCF Plan, Staffordshire's reduction in non-elective admissions target has been reduced from 3.5% to 1.2%. It is worth noting that Staffordshire are not unique in making such an adjustment.

4.2 Since submitting this paper, the BCF team has made a Quarterly Performance Report (on 28th August) to the BCF national support team. A verbal update will be provided at the HWB meeting.

5 Next steps for the Staffordshire BCF

5.1 The Collaborative Commissioning Congress meeting, which took place on 20th August, considered the BCF in the context of the wider system change being planned for the Staffordshire Health Economy. It concluded that the scope of the BCF falls within that of the Pan-Staffordshire Transformation Programme and should be migrated to that programme, and should not be treated separately.

5.2 Specifically, the BCF falls within two of the three Pan-Staffordshire Transformation Programme workstreams; "High Risk and Independent" and "Receiving Care". Officers from Staffordshire County Council, Stoke-on-

Trent City Council and the Staffordshire CCGs are working together to scope these workstreams and to ensure that the BCF is appropriately planned within this programme.