

Health & Wellbeing Board 26th March 2014

Better Care Fund Update.

Recommendations

(1) That the Health & Wellbeing Board notes the progress being made and receives regular updates of progress from the Adult Joint Commissioning Board.

1.0 Key Issues

14th February initial submission

1.1. The Warwickshire Better Care Fund initial draft was submitted on the 14th February 2014. Feedback from the West Midlands Local Area Team indicates that Warwickshire is mostly amber and the following comments will assist in reaching green overall:

- Schemes need to demonstrate more clearly how social care will be protected
- Needs more detail around the governance arrangements eg; risk sharing and better description of project management approach.
- Provider engagement needs strengthening
- Need to develop a communication strategy
- Confirmation of the local metric
- Need to be more visible about the work with; carers, dementia and LD and MH.
- Care Bill implementation needs to be further scoped
- Contingency plans need further explanation
- Joint planning and accountable lead needs further clarification and links to GP leads.
- 7 day working will need to demonstrate what the BCF will support within the system.
- How will we join up the health and social care workforce in key areas
- Within the information sharing process also need to cover business processes not just data sharing.

2.0 National changes to guidance and funding allocation

On the basis of the first draft submissions the national guidance and planning tools have been revised and updated. In addition the funding allocation has also been revised. National Government reports that; ...the spreadsheet has been updated to correct a minor calculation error in the original BCF allocations. This

did not affect overall CCG contributions, but did affect the division of CCG totals between multiple HWBs. The original funding allocation is in Table 1. The impact of the changes for Warwickshire is shown in Table 2.

Table 1 Original funding allocation:

NHS Warwickshire North CCG	11,036	
NHS South Warwickshire CCG	15,500	
NHS Coventry and Rugby CCG	6,432	
Total Allocation		36,137

Table 2 Revised funding allocation

NHS Warwickshire North	11,036	36,427				0
NHS South Warwickshire	15,500					0
NHS Coventry & Rugby	6,722		-290	-0.8%		290

The impact of the revised funding allocation is for Rugby only. NHS England report that any CCG that has been affected by these changes has been informed.

3.0 Progress towards 4th April 2014

3.1. The Adult Joint Commissioning Board, as the lead for the Better Care Fund, has held a collaborative workshop to approve the suite of metrics. The revised guidance stipulates that each target must be statistically significant. A calculator has been provided on the NHS England BCF website. This has been used to determine the statistical relevance of each indicator at a minimum level. The approved metrics recognising that some of these targets are stretching given previous trends. The baseline and targets for each metric are attached as appendix 1.

3.2 Further work is progressing to align and agree the final financial plan to be submitted to NHS England. Initial figures have been submitted from health, public health and social care. Further ongoing discussions will need to be finalised over the coming week with each of the clinical commissioning groups. The Adult Joint Commissioning Board agreed that further detail was required to ensure that the BCF demonstrated compliance with the national condition to protect social care.

3.3 Further work is required given the significant work to achieve consensus and to align the final financial framework, with the metrics and the schemes to be progressed. As an example the following actions are still to be progressed:

- CCG's and LA to confirm the figures proposed to go in the pool are correct and complete **(to be co-ordinated by finance leads in each organisation and send to CN by 26/3)**.

- CCG's and LA to confirm the values of relevant unit costs and add any others that would be useful (**CCG and LA finance leads to confirm or provide updates to CN by 28/3**).
- Meeting of relevant colleagues to discuss metrics and link them to finance (**CN to look for a relevant meeting already diarised to do this at, or arrange a specific meeting**).
- CCG's and LA to progress discussions about what is funding what in 2015/16. (**CCG and LA finance leads to co-ordinate proposals and return to CN by 1/4, CN to identify appropriate meeting to then discuss**).

3.3 The financial framework is continually being revised and added too as discussions with partners clarify which funds could be aligned into a pooled budget arrangement across health, public health and social care.

3.4 There have been different approaches to provider engagement within each of the clinical commissioning groups. But it is acknowledged that further work is required. For this reason a meeting has been scheduled for the 26th March 2014 as an opportunity to highlight the direction of travel and to determine how to improve provider engagement as the BCF moves forward. Warwickshire North has confirmed that providers will be engaged through their Urgent Care Board.

4.0 Timescales associated with the decision/Next steps

4.1 More detailed work to address the issues received from the Local Area Team and to produce the detailed plan is being progressed on a daily basis. The draft plan will be further updated to reflect the feedback from the Local Area Team and in addition scoping documents outlining the five schemes to be progressed for Warwickshire will be included.

4.2 The governance structure will be amended to reflect the decision to produce a delivery plan for each of the respective clinical commissioning groups which will be underpinned by Section 75s.

The revised version of the Better Care Plan will be submitted to NHS England, as an integral part of the constituent CCGs' Strategic and Operational Plans by **4 April 2014**.

Background Papers

1. <http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/part-rel/transformation-fund/bcf-plan/>

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