

# Health and Wellbeing Board

## Warwickshire Better Together Programme

15th September 2020

### 1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 To note the update on the Better Care Fund Policy Framework and Guidance for 2020/21.
- 1.2 To note the Better Together Programme schemes that are directly contributing to the local response to the national COVID-19 Hospital Discharge Requirements.
- 1.3 To note the progress of the Better Together Programme in 2020/21 to improve performance against the four national Better Care Fund areas of focus.

### 2. Executive Summary

#### **Better Care Fund Policy Framework and Guidance for 2020/21**

- 2.1 Areas have been advised that the 2020/21 Better Care Fund (BCF) Policy Framework will be published at the end of August or early September. These dates are dependent on and subject to change, to enable systems to focus effort in dealing with COVID-19.
- 2.2 As 2020/21 is a roll-over year, it is expected that the guidance will be mainly consistent with previous years. One likely change is the replacement of the Delayed Transfers of Care target. This has been suspended during COVID-19, with an increased focus on reducing Length of Stay in acute beds and managing timely discharges against the new 'right to reside (in an acute bed)' criteria.
- 2.3 Although the Policy Framework is still awaited, as previously reported, the schemes and priorities to be delivered this year, have already been agreed locally through the Better Together Programme and have continued to be commissioned and delivered, where possible to do so, during the COVID-19 emergency period.

#### **Schemes directly supporting the local COVID-19 response**

- 2.4 The NHS 'COVID-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements' published on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 set out the discharge requirements for all NHS trusts, community interest companies, private care providers of acute, community beds and community health services and social care staff in England, and

requirements around discharge for health and social care commissioners (including Clinical Commissioning Groups and local authorities). Unless required to be in hospital, patients must not remain in an NHS bed and based on the COVID-19 criteria, acute and community hospitals must discharge all patients as soon as they are clinically safe to do so.

- 2.5 In response commissioners and delivery leads from Strategy and Commissioning and the Adult Social Care Team in the People Directorate at Warwickshire County Council, have worked with commissioners in the Clinical Commissioning Groups and delivery leads at South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust Out of Hospital Collaborative, to support the acute hospitals to discharge patients requiring care and support safely.
- 2.6 Health and Social Care services currently commissioned or delivered through the Better Together Programme, which are funded in full or in part through the Better Care Fund, have and continue to be critical to our local COVID-19 response as they directly support discharge (step-down) and/or admission avoidance (step-up). Examples include:
- Domiciliary care
  - Reablement
  - CERT – The Community Emergency and Response Team
  - Discharge to Assess pathways 2 (bedded residential) and pathway 3 (nursing)
  - Moving on Beds
  - The Hospital to Home Service
  - The Hospital Social Care Team and the Trusted Assessors for Care Homes
  - ICE – The Integrated Equipment Service
  - The Learning and Development Partnership which is leading on the bespoke training for Infection Prevention Control for domiciliary care providers

### **Performance update**

- 2.7 Locally our plan for 2020/21 focusses our activities to improve our performance in the four key areas which are measured against the National Performance Metrics. These being:
- a. Reducing Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) – currently suspended due to COVID-19
  - b. Reducing Non-Elective Admissions (General and Acute)
  - c. Reducing admissions to residential and care homes; and
  - d. Increasing effectiveness of reablement
- 2.8 A summary of performance against the four national areas of focus using the most recent data available:

Metric	Q1 20/21 performance where available	Target	Status
Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC)	Quarter 4 Actual: Data not available as not published by NHS England	44	n/a
Non-Elective Admissions	Quarter 1 Actual: 11,481	14,912	-23% (below / better than target)
Admissions to residential and care homes	Quarter 1 Actual: 144	182	-20.8% (below / better than target)
Effectiveness of reablement	2019/20 Actual: 94.5%	89%	5.8% (above / better than target)

### 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The programme and initiatives for its success are in part funded through national grants: Better Care Fund, Improved Better Care Fund and Winter Pressures Grant (2020/21: £57.6m). The former comes from the Department of Health and Social Care through Clinical Commissioning Groups, while the latter two are received by the local authority from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government. All three are dependent on meeting conditions that they contribute towards the programme and the targets, and that plans to this effect are jointly agreed between Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Local Authority under a pooled budget arrangement.

### 4. Environmental Implications

- 4.1 None.

### 5. Supporting Information

- 5.1 Performance against the four national areas of focus using the latest confirmed data available.
- a. Reducing Non-Elective Admissions (General and Acute)
- i) In quarter 1, Warwickshire non-elective admissions were 21.4% lower than the same period last year and 23% below target.

Non-Elective Admissions performance:

Quarter	Actual	Target (lower is better)	% over/below target
Q2 2019/20	14,581	14,175	2.9%
Q3 2019/20	14,520	14,031	3.5%
Q4 2019/20	13,717	14,120	-2.9%
Q1 2020/21	11,481	14,912	-23.0%

<b>NHS</b>	<b>65+ NEAs</b>	<b>All Age NEAs</b>
SWCCG	-27.1%	-29.7%
WNCCG	-11.8%	-17.0%
Rugby	-9.6%	-5.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>	<b>-21.4%</b>

ii) All Age Non-elective admissions from South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group have seen the greatest decrease in quarter 1 compared with the same quarter last year (-29.7%), compared to Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group at -17.0%. Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group saw a 5.8% decrease in all age non-elective admissions. All three sites also reported decreases of 65+ admissions. South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group with the biggest decrease of 27.1% compared to the same quarter last year, Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning being 11.8% lower than last year for the 65+ age group. Rugby saw a decrease of 9.6% against the same period last year. The variances when comparing to the same periods last year are due to the decrease in activity at hospitals during the Covid pandemic.

b. Reducing long term admissions to residential and nursing care 65+

- i) Permanent admissions were 26.53% lower than quarter 1 19/20 and 20.8% below target in quarter 1 2020/21.
- ii) The target for 2020/21 is 732 admissions per 100k population, which equates to a quarterly target of 182.

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b> (lower is better)	<b>% over/below target</b>
Q2 19/20	200	182	9.9%
Q3 19/20	172	182	-5.5%
Q4 19/20	204	182	12.1%
Q1 20/21	144	182	-20.8%

c. Increasing the effectiveness of reablement

i) This target measures the percentage of older people (65 and over) who are still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement or rehabilitative services. This target is an annual measure and performance for 2019/20 was 94.5%.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b> (higher is better)	<b>% over/below target</b>
2017/18	93.0%	89%	4%
2018/19	96.8%	89%	8%
2019/20	94.5%	89%	5.8%

## 6. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

6.1 Members are requested to note the latest update on implementing the Better Care Fund in Warwickshire.

### Appendices

None

### Background Papers

None

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