

Health and Wellbeing Board

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HWBB Joint Commissioning Report – Incl. Better Care Fund (BCF) Update

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update from the Joint Commissioning Board. Key discussion points from the group have included system response to emerging trends as the system recovers from Covid, including Children and Young People; as well as ongoing requirement to deliver the Section 75 Partnership Agreement and the Better Care Fund programme. Below is also a short description about how the Joint Commissioning Board is responding to changing governance within the system.
- 1.2 Additional guidance was provided in May 2021 regarding Hospital Discharge and implications for the Better Care Fund, and Section 75 Agreement. Funding to support hospital discharge in the wake of Covid has been pledged from April 2021 to September 2022. The detailed documentation can be found in **Appendix A**. The guidance for 2021/22 Better Care Fund Plans has not yet been published
- 1.3 As well, the final year end report for 2020/21 submitted 25th May 2021, can be found as **Appendix B**. This report highlights the expenditure and year end feedback, including successes and challenges.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The HWBB note and endorse the BCF year-end report for 2020/21
- 2.2 The HWBB note the continued funding for hospital discharge
- 2.3 The HWBB note the concerns raised by the Joint Commissioning Group regarding Children and Young People

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1. (NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)
- 3.2. The HWB Strategy requires that the health and care system work to reduce inequalities in Shropshire. All decisions and discussions by the Board must take into account reducing inequalities. Covid 19 has shone a light on inequalities and requires all of our services to further risk assess individual risk and to support the population who are at increased risk of ill health due to Covid 19.

- 3.3. The schemes of the BCF and other system planning have been done by engaging with stakeholders, service users, and patients. This has been done in a variety of ways including through patient groups, focus groups and ethnographic research.
- 3.4. Continued reliance on grant funding (iBCF and Winter Pressures), to support system flow, admissions avoidance and transfers of care schemes, holds significant financial risk should the grant funding stop.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

5. Background

Joint Commissioning Board Key Discussion Points:

Children & Young People (CYP)

5.1 The Joint Commissioning Board would like to raise with the HWBB concerns regarding Children and Young People (CYP) and the system response. There has been a significant increase in the number of young people in the system who are being referred for mental health services. In March and April 2021 there were twice as many young people accessing health professionals for mental health support than the same time the year before. There has been a substantial rise in CYP referred to services for eating disorders. There is also a significant increase in the number of children undergoing Care Act Assessments for Tier 4 beds, including admission of children with learning disability and autism. The impact is there are a number of 18-year olds being cared for in Redwoods and on the Sec 136 suite. In addition, at times the Sec 136 suite has been closed to any adult admission due to lack of specific CYP provision.

5.2 To address these concerns the system has agreed a range of measures including: a review of CYP mental health services; additional investment in access to services; additional funding for eating disorder support; completion of an Expression of Interest to NHSE/I regarding CYP Integrated working, the 6 objectives of this work are:

- improved CYP wellbeing
- reduction in high risk behaviours
- reduced mental health concerns
- organisations are trauma informed
- improved purpose/occupation
- improved stability of home

Additionally, the system has agreed to revisit the screening Resilience, a film dedicated to helping everyone understand the relationship between Adverse Childhood Experiences and the impact on health outcomes for children & adults. The HWBB and SHIPP will be offered 2 screening dates, with more to follow, to allow our workforce to understand and embed new thinking in our practices. More preventative work is also underway through a range of projects/ programmes including WISH – developed by Shropshire Educational Psychology Service as a universal programme to enhance self-efficacy and resilience in children and young people as part of Shropshire's response to Covid, Social Prescribing, Mental Health in Schools trailblazer, Youth Support Outreach, Early Help, and Creative Health.

Better Care Fund Priorities

5.3 Work will take place through 201/22 to update the priorities of the BCF to align with those of the HWBB and the Shropshire Integrated Place Partnership (SHIPP). For a number of years, the priorities of the BCF (including improved Better Care Fund monies and Winter Pressures funding) have been:

- 5.3.1 **Prevention** – keeping people well and self-sufficient in the first place; Healthy Lives, including community referral (Let's Talk Local and Social Prescribing), Dementia

Companions, Voluntary and Community Sector, Population Health Management, carers, mental health;

5.3.2 Admission Avoidance – when people are not so well, how can we support people in the community; out of hospital focus (Care Closer to Home, Integrated Community Services, new admission avoidance scheme), carers and mental health;

5.3.3 Delayed Transfers and system flow - using the 8 High Impact Model; Equipment contract, Assistive technology, Integrated Community Service, Red Bag

5.4 Going forward the Joint Commissioning Board (JCB) and the Better Care Fund will support the changing governance of the system. The Shropshire Integrated Place Partnership, working with the HWBB and the ICS governance, will drive forward our key programmes in Shropshire and the JCB and BCF must align to agreed programmes to enable progress.

5.5 Appendix A highlights the government's national discharge fund (via the NHS), for quarters 1 and 2 of 2021/22 (1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021), to help cover some of the cost of post-discharge recovery and support services/ rehabilitation and reablement care following discharge from hospital. These financial arrangements apply for patients discharged or using discharge services during that time period.

5.6 The national discharge fund is available to fund the additional costs of:

5.6.1 Services that support the new or additional needs of an individual on discharge from hospital. This will include recovery and support services, such as rehabilitation and reablement to help people return to the quality of life they had prior to their most recent admission.

5.6.2 Designated care settings for those discharged from acute care who are COVID-positive and cannot return directly to their own care home until 14 days of isolation has been undertaken.

5.7 Work is underway to embed this guidance in practice and additional consideration will need to be made to understand if the Section 75 Partnership Agreement needs to be updated.

5.8 Appendix B is the Year-End Report Template submitted to the Better Care Team in May. The report highlights the financial return as well as the success stories, challenges and feedback regarding the BCF.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) For the final BCF plan please see HWBB paper here</p>
<p>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) Cllr. Dean Carroll Portfolio Holder for Adult Services, Public Health and Assets</p>
<p>Local Member n/a</p>
<p>Appendices Appendix A – Hospital discharge and community support: Finance support and funding flows Appendix B – BCF Year-End Report Template</p>