



SHROPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Report

Meeting Date	21 November 2024					
Title of report	Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter 2 report					
This report is for (You will have been advised which applies)	Discussion and agreement of recommendations		Approval of recommendations (With discussion by exception)	X	Information only (No recommendations)	
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Which Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities does this report address? Please tick all that apply	Children & Young People	x	Joined up working			x
	Mental Health	x	Improving Population Health			
	Healthy Weight & Physical Activity		Working with and building strong and vibrant communities			x
	Workforce		Reduce inequalities (see below)			
What inequalities does this report address?	Access to services, carers, rurality, older residents and people who need support from health and social care.					

Report content - Please expand content under these headings or attach your report ensuring the three headings are included.

1. Executive Summary

This report provides a summary of the quarter 2 submission for the BCF return for Shropshire. As part of the national conditions the Health and Wellbeing Board for Shropshire must formally approve the quarterly submissions as well as the annual plans. The deadline for the quarter 2 submission was 31st October.

2. Recommendations;

HWB approves the Quarter 2 Better Care Fund submission detailed in appendix 1

3. Report

The Better Care Fund (BCF) Policy Framework sets out the Government's priorities for 2023-25, including improving discharge, reducing the pressure on Urgent and Emergency Care and social care, supporting intermediate care, unpaid carers and housing adaptations. The vision for the BCF over 2023-25 is to support people to live healthy, independent and dignified lives, through joining up health, social care and housing services seamlessly around the person. This vision is underpinned by the two core BCF objectives:

- Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
- Provide the right care in the right place at the right time.

The requirements of the BCF require quarterly templates are completed and submitted to the Better Care fund Team and approved by the local HWB.

Shropshire submitted quarter 2 reporting template on the 31 October.

We have noted within the report that the data that is extracted to support the metrics; the data from SATH 24/25 data is inaccurate/incomplete due to the implementation of a new ERP system, therefore this narrative has been reflected in the report.

System partners have been working together as previously discussed to increase pathway 1 discharges to support more people to go home, lower numbers of people are going into pathway 3 into a short term residential or nursing care home placement which has meant that budget to do date

has been sufficient. Winter pressures may result in a budget pressure by the end of quarter 3 which all partners are monitoring.

In addition to the BCF return it's important to note that Shropshire has revised its terms of reference for the BCF meetings which will be co-chaired jointly by Shropshire LA and Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin ICB. This will also include joint sessions with Telford and Wrekin LA to enable joint commissioning discussions at scale where appropriate.

Through the new Commissioning structure within the ICB, a new role to support the BCF across both health and social care has been recruited to and will commence in role in mid December; they will be a welcomed role to co-ordinate more integrated work using the BCF as an enabler to facilitate more joint and integrated working.

System partners are continuing to review the current plans in readiness for the new templates and planning requirements which will be expected. At this stage we have not received confirmation of timelines and whether they will be received within the next few months; it is important to note we have contracts which are being reviewed and will be risk assessed to ensure continuity of services if appropriate.

Risk assessment and opportunities appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

Demand and capacity will continue to be a key area of focus and monitoring as we head into the winter months with demand likely to increase.

Given the changes to SATHs systems we will monitor the metric targets however they will not accurately reflect performance.

Financial implications

(Any financial implications of note)

Financial updates are included in the quarter 2 return appendix 1

Climate Change Appraisal as applicable

All commissioned activity takes into account climate change considerations.

Where else has the paper been presented?

System Partnership Boards

Voluntary Sector

Other

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) Cllr Cecilia Motley Cabinet Member Adult Social Care and Health

Appendices

Appendix A. BCF quarter 2 return