

Southend Better Care Fund Summary

Southend's vision is to create a health and social care economy in which the population can access optimal care and enable urgent care to be delivered with maximum efficiency and effectiveness. In achieving this vision we aim to adopt a system wide view and understand impacts across all key constituents.

We want to build on our current successes in integrated care delivery to ensure that our prevention offer and self-management options are fully developed and optimised and where longer term care or support is needed it is provided around the service user/patient.

We are using the BCF to protect social care services and work as strategic partners to re-model our urgent care and community provision with a focus on out of hospital care. Pressure on A&E along with predicted growth in demand above the national average mean that in Southend we are focusing on how to deliver care and support through more integrated and coherent pathways to better serve the people of Southend.

A summary of our BCF schemes with benefits is outlined below.

BCF001 – Protect Social Services through Independent living (£4.781m).

This investment funds a range of existing social care services including integrated assessment and support teams which are the core component of the GP hub development.

- Protects social care services
- Contributes to the achievement of 3.5% total hospital admission reductions
- Contributes to the achievement of 11.5% reduction in residential admissions. (£514k total benefit)
- Contributes to the achievement of reduction in the numbers of people requiring large care packages, (longer term support) £494k benefit.

BCF002 – End of Life, Palliative Care & Community Services (£3.000m).

This scheme focuses on improving end of life care for people with a terminal illness as well as developing systems to better identify people with long term conditions who require palliative care.

- Reduces unnecessary hospital admissions for people requiring palliative care (£300k benefit)
- Improves identification of people with LTCs requiring palliative care

BCF003 – Prevention including intermediate Care, Primary Care and transforming the Emergency Pathway (£3.051m) (BCF003a); Reablement (£1.431m) (BCF003b).

This scheme includes development of the Community Recovery and Independence pathway to improve out of hospital care options and the development of a discharge to assess scheme to optimise care planning following discharge from hospital.

The reablement scheme protects existing reablement funding to support decreases in the need for longer term support through utilisation of the Single Point of Referral, (SPOR) and continued access to safe and timely hospital discharge.

- Contributes to the reduction in total hospital admissions target of 3.5% via a reduction in ambulatory care demand. (£360K benefit)

BCF004 – Integrated Care through the GP Hub (£50k)

This scheme continues to invest in the piloting of the GP hub which is the key area of focus for developing improved alternatives out of hospital care.

- Supports improved community pathways to prevent A&E attendance
- Contributes to the achievement of reduction in total hospital admissions of 3.5% (£350k benefit)

BCF005 – Infrastructure to support integrated working (£0.459m)

This scheme funds the development of ICT to assist with new capital requirements under the Care Act and the further development of telecare and Extra Care schemes which require capital investment.

- Contributes to the implementation of the Care Act capital costs.
- Supports achievement of benefits in other schemes through the development of integrated initiatives such as use of telecare and ICT.