



Better Care Fund 2017-19 planning – latest position

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The Better Care Fund



■ Introduction

This webinar is intended to give an outline of:

- Better Care Fund (BCF) Policy Framework and Planning Guidance
- The planning template
- Assurance process
- Support

It should enable you to be more prepared when the Framework and Guidance are published.

Please note though

- The Policy Framework and Planning Guidance are not finalised
- Some elements may, therefore change
- We will hold events in the new year to give more details, following publication

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■ Lessons learnt

Key lessons learnt from the planning processes and ongoing feedback:

What has worked well

- Regional assurance allows a more realistic assessment of the deliverability of plans
- More dialogue among national partners
- Planning process was less bureaucratic in 16/17 than the previous year but could improve further

What could be improved

- The volume of information and national conditions required in the planning process
- Clarity on national conditions and guidance
- Simplification of planning and assurance processes and templates

Policy Framework – current position



Big picture

- More on bigger integration picture
- Description of graduation conditions
- Two year planning cycle 2017-19



Changes to conditions

- Reduction in number of national conditions from 8 to 3:
- Jointly agreed plan
- Social care maintenance
- NHS commissioned out of hospital services



Metrics

- Remain the same as 2016 /17



2017-19 Planning Guidance – Matthew West

■ Planning - principles

Process

- Two year plans – 2017-2019
- Reduce overall planning burden as far as possible

Plans

- Plans are expected to be evolution of previous versions
- Better Care Plans are part of the wider integration approach and should align, where appropriate to other plans locally, for example STPs or devolution deals.

■ Planning requirements

Narrative plan

- Vision for health and social care integration
- National conditions
- Evidence based plan – outline template will be provided
- Approach to risk

Funding contributions – via template

- Confirm funding, including in relation to national conditions

Spending plan via template

- Confirm schemes, including amounts, funding source and commissioner

Metrics – via template

- Four national metrics

■ Narrative plans

Vision

- Local vision for health and social care, including model for integration, how the plan will move services towards a more community based, preventative approach and the role of the BCF in that process

Plan

- A coordinated and integrated plan of action for delivering the vision, supported by evidence

National Conditions

- A clear articulation of how you plan to meet each national condition

Risk

- An agreed approach to risk management, including financial risk management and, where relevant, risk sharing and contingency

■ National conditions – more detail

Jointly agreed plan

- Agreed by HWB(s)
- All minimum funding requirements met

Social Care maintenance

- Real-terms uplift over the SR period
- Local areas can agree higher contributions from the CCG minimum

NHS commissioned out of hospital services

- Ring-fenced amount for use on NHS commissioned out of hospital services
- Areas are expected to consider holding funds in a contingency if they agree additional targets for NEA above those in the CCG operational plan

■ Metrics

National metrics

Non elective Admissions

Admissions to residential care homes

Effectiveness of reablement

Delayed Transfers of Care

Although there is no longer a national condition on Delayed Transfers of Care, they will continue to be measured as in previous years.

Plans should set ambitions for reduction and link these to wider activity plans to reduce DToC



Planning template and assurance- Prashant Mohan

Current draft BCF planning template 2017-19 template structure

The Planning Template follows from the BCF Policy Framework and Planning Guidance to support the consistent capture of key planning requirements and information from each local area to enable an aggregated national view and inform the plan-assurance process.

The overall structure of the template is similar to the 16/17 template:

1. Cover

Local areas identifiers and completion status

2. Summary

Information across tabs summarised for printing and review

3. HWB Funding Sources

Capture all funding contributions to the local area's BCF plan

4. HWB Expenditure Plan

Capture scheme level expenditure and scheme meta-data

5. HWB Metrics

Capture the local area's performance plans to impact the BCF metrics

6. National Conditions

Capture the confirmation of having met the BCF national conditions

The screenshot shows the 'DRAFT Template for BCF: due on xxx' spreadsheet. The cover sheet includes a title, a subtitle 'Better Care Fund 2017-19 Planning Template', and a sheet name 'Sheet: 1. Cover Sheet'. It contains a 'Guidance BCF' section with a warning about data privacy and a 'Question Completion' table.

	No. of questions answered
1. Cover	1
2. Summary	0
3. HWB Funding Sources	12
4. HWB Expenditure Plan	0
5. HWB Metrics	6
6. National Conditions	0

Current draft BCF planning template 2017-19

Key changes

It includes the following design changes, subject to finalisation:

- 2 years of data on a single planning template
- National conditions
- Addition of the new local authority social care grant
- Risk share and contingency fields updated:
 - NEA related contingency or risk share field updated to the summary page
 - Free field on contingency fund excluded
- Social care minimum and uplift from the CCG minimum to be prepopulated on the summary sheet
- Scheme duration field to capture span of a planned scheme across the two years
- Scheme type added: "Supporting discharge"
- Ability to plan Joint source of funding on the 'Expenditure' tab
- Ability to print more easily particularly for the 'Summary' and 'Expenditure' tabs
- 'Metrics tool' tab excluded
- Sundry validation and layout improvements based on feedback

Next steps:

Further edits and changes are being incorporated based on subsequent revisions of the 17/19 Policy Framework and Planning Guidance. and other planning template specific feedback.

Draft BCF planning template 2017-19: Informing wider context

The Planning Template is the fundamental building block of the BCF planning data and relies on the accuracy and integrity of the data captured



The planning template informs:

- subsequent aggregate national analysis for planning
- overall assurance of the planning requirements and the plan quality
- quarterly and annual BCF reporting and understanding of overall performance
- overall insight on the BCF for the national partners and wider system partners including the Treasury

Assurance – key points

Key points

- Two rounds of assurance
- Shared process across NHS and Local Government
- Plan ratings simplified

First stage process

- First submissions are assured by regional panels
- Moderation will take place at NHS regional level after first stage
- Cross-regional calibration
- Plans are rated 'compliant' or 'not compliant'

Second stage process

- All second submissions to be approved by HWB
- Assured by regional panels
- Moderation will take place at NHS regional level after first stage
- Cross-regional calibration
- Plans rated 'approved' or 'not approved'
- If no agreed plan then escalation will commence immediately in order to address issues quickly



Support – Stuart MacLeod

Support offer

The Better Care Support team aims to provide a range of support to help local areas with developing and implementing Better Care Fund plans.

Regional Support Offer – The BCST has devolved funding directly to regions so that bespoke support can be developed.

Better Care Advisors//Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy - Support is being arranged to put in place Better Care Advisor (BCA) and Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy support, to provide hands-on practical support, including project and programme management, analytical expertise, technical support and case study development.

Please liaise with your BCM if you are interested in accessing BCA/MDC support.

Support offer

Better Care Fund Leadership Support - Specific funding for the LGA to provide local areas with leadership support, including:

- Bespoke mentoring to individuals and groups;
- Short, focused and action orientated diagnostic assessments to identify issues and develop action plans to address them;
- Transfer of knowledge and best practice across the care and health systems.

Local areas (both NHS and LA), either individually or in groups, can access this support through their CHIA or BCM.

Thematic Masterclasses and Regional Networking Events – We are working with the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) to develop a series of events to run from January to March. The Masterclasses will cover key BCF/integration topics such as risk share, DTOC and benefits realisation, while the regional events will help to facilitate networking opportunities. Further details will be confirmed in the near future.

Planning Guidance Roadshow – The BCST are organising Planning Guidance Support Roadshow events and (another) Webinar once the Policy Framework and Planning Guidance have been published.

We hope to be able to offer these events w/c 16 January. Events are likely to take place in London, Birmingham, Leeds and Bristol. Further details will be provided in due course.



Next Steps – Rosie Seymour

Graduation

Key points

- Places will be able to 'graduate' from the BCF if they have moved beyond its planning requirements
- There will be a 'first wave' to trial the process.

Likely requirements

- Shared commitment and vision for integration by 2020
- A sufficiently mature system for health and social care
- A positive trajectory and/or approach to improving performance on BCF national performance metrics and how graduation will enable the area to accelerate this improvement.
- Pooling above minimum and commitment to greater alignment

Timing

- EOI to be invited soon (possibly ahead of Policy Framework)
- Likely to be from January to April:
 - EOIs setting out proposal and evidence
 - Workshops
 - Graduation panels

■ Next steps

- Graduation EOIs will be invited in next few weeks
- Policy Framework, Planning Guidance and template are likely to be published in the new year
- Planning Roadshows as soon as possible, following publication



Any Questions?



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