

BETTER CARE FUND - UPDATE

Report of the Interim Director of Integrated Care (Devon County Council and NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group)

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect

Recommendation:

1. That the Health & Wellbeing Board notes the latest performance data and national requirements.

1. Background/Introduction

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is the only mandatory policy to facilitate integration between Health and Social Care, providing a framework for joint planning and commissioning. The BCF brings together ring-fenced budgets from Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) allocations, the Disabled Facilities Grant and funding paid to local government for adult social care services. The Health and Wellbeing Board has oversight of the BCF and is accountable for its delivery.

2. Performance in 2021/22

As reported at the last Health & Wellbeing Board, government has amended the set of key BCF metrics in its planning for 2021/22. Latest performance for those metrics is as follows.

2.1 Avoidable Admissions

The NHSE figure used for avoidable admissions is based on a complex weighting formula using an apportionment based on full year activity, so it is not possible to provide an accurate current position at this time.

2.2 Length of Stay

	2021-22 Q3 plan	2021-22 Q4 plan
Proportion of inpatients resident for 14 days or more	13%	13%
Proportion of inpatients resident for 21 days or more	7%	7%

The aim is to maintain achievement to year end as set out in the above table. Achievements of these targets will be challenging due to pressures including high

demand, the complex caseload and community capacity. Latest Performance (up to & including January) remains as per the plan i.e.13% & 7% respectively.

2.3 Discharge to Normal Place of Residence

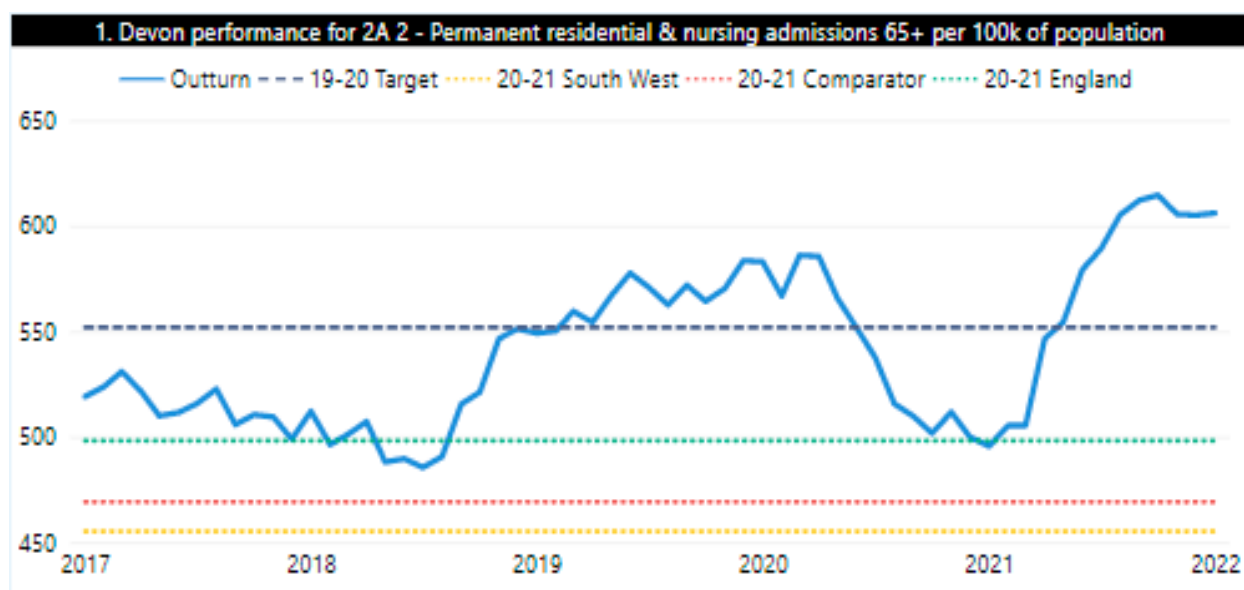
The current ambition for Devon is to achieve 92% for this target at year end. Latest Performance (up to & including January) remains as per the plan i.e. 92%.

2.4 Residential Admissions

Long term support needs of older people (aged 65 & over) met by admission to residential & nursing care homes, per 100,000 population.

2019-20 Plan	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Plan
564	539	510	520

Performance to January 2022 = 606.5 per 100,000 population (65 and over)



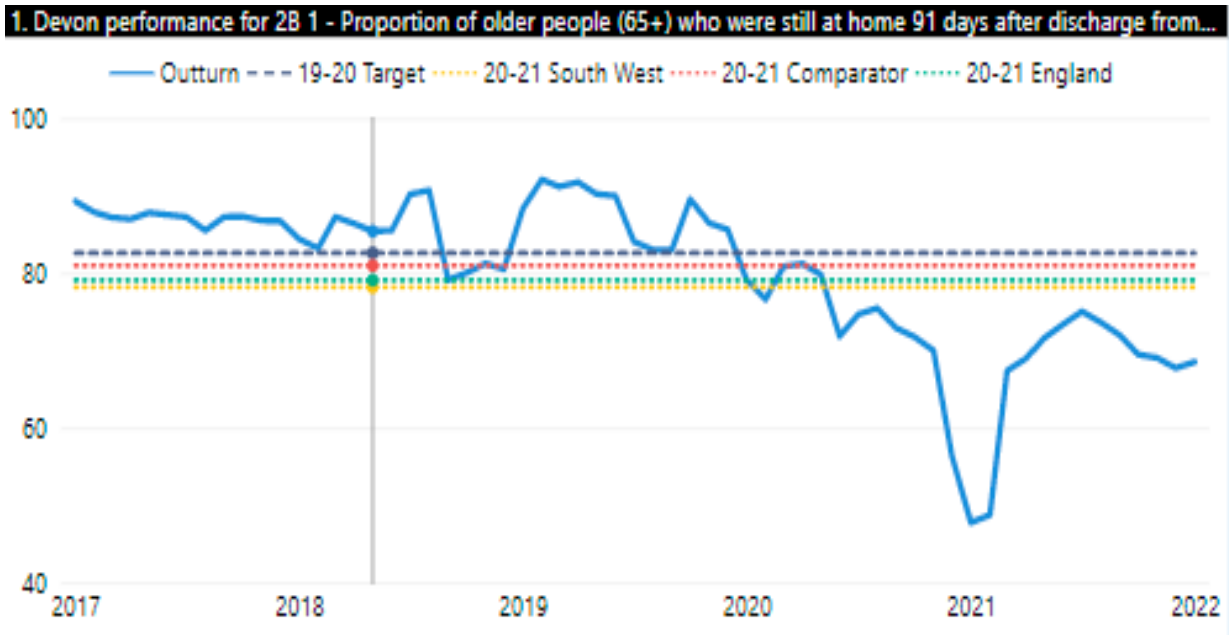
Performance against this indicator has been static for a number of months with 1,260 service users reported in the numerator of the indicator.

2.5 Reablement

Proportion of older people (65 & over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services.

2019-20 Plan	2019-20 Actual	2021-22 Plan
82.6%	85.8%	79.3%

The plan is based on numbers achieved in the five years to 2020-21. Performance to January 2022 = 68.5% (466/680)



We have seen a reducing performance trend against this indicator for about 6 months resulting from reducing numbers in both the numerator and denominator. It should be noted that the performance assessment is indicative. This metric focusses on a specific older persons cohort discharged into rehabilitation & reablement services in the period 1/10/21-31/12/21 with outcomes tracked in the period 1/1/22-31/3/22.

3. National Update

Government has indicated its intention to continue with the BCF for 2022/23 and in that year introduce further development of the BCF for future years.

Although initially expected in March, it is understood that the national announcement of Planning and Reporting Guidance for 2022/23 will be published in May.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972: LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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BACKGROUND PAPER DATE FILE REFERENCE

Nil