

**BETTER CARE FUND  
2016/7 FIRST QUARTER RETURN AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING**

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**Recommendation:** That the Board note this report.

**1. Introduction**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is required to consider the high level metrics that are contained in the agreed Better Care Fund Plan. This is normally done through the monthly performance reports, which are received by the BCF Management Group. The group meets monthly and reports to the Joint Commissioning Coordinating Group (JCCG).

On a quarterly basis the Health and Wellbeing Board is also required to formally endorse the template supplied by the central Better Care Fund Programme support team, see section 2 below.

**2. BCF 2016/17 First Quarter Return**

The BCF 2016 /17 First Quarter Return is due for submission on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The completed return is attached for your consideration.

**3. Summary of ongoing BCF activity and performance monitoring**

Considerable effort was made across the whole of the HWB area, throughout 15/16 to address the BCF National Conditions requirements. It should be noted that these are now all being met and this is reflected in the BCF 2016 /17 First Quarter Return.

The BCF for 2016/17 plan also set performance targets for a number of system wide measures. These are monitored by the Better Care Management Group on behalf of JCCG. Current performance is reflected in the BCF 2016 /17 First Quarter Return and a summary of the recent activity is outlined in section 4.

**4. Outcome measures**

**Agreement on local action plan to reduce delayed transfers of care**

We have agreed a system wide action plan to reduce DTOC, developed with providers and commissioners from both health and social care, including mental health.

**Non-elective admissions**

The BCF schemes that are focused on reduction of non-elective admissions are developed, implemented and monitored via the Urgent Care Control Centre under the Success Regime programme. This is in addition to further investment in Rapid Response in 2015/16 and close monitoring of outcomes to inform future intentions.

**Local metric - dementia**

We have changed our local metric for 2016/17: whilst it still monitors our support for people with dementia, instead of monitoring diagnosis rates (which continue to be monitored elsewhere), we now measure the length of stay for people with dementia who are admitted to hospital.

**Permanent admissions to residential and nursing care homes**

Our rate of admission to care homes per 100,000 for our over 65 population is 601.8. This is significantly below the South West average of 678.2, the local authority comparator group of 643.0 and the England rate of 668.8.

**Effectiveness of re-ablement services**

Our reablement services are effective for around 88% of older people who were in receipt of these services in Devon. This is significantly higher than the South West (84%), our local authority comparator group (82.8%) and England (82.1%). This rate has decreased slightly from 89.8% in 2013-14, due to a change in the national indicator.

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