

Better Care Fund Template Q2 2017/18

Guidance

Overview

The Better Care Fund (BCF) quarterly monitoring template is used to ensure that Health and Wellbeing Board areas continue to meet the requirements of the BCF over the lifetime of their plan and enable areas to provide insight on health and social integration.

The local governance mechanism for the BCF is the Health and Wellbeing Board, which should sign off the report or make appropriate arrangements to delegate this.

Note on entering information into this template

Throughout the template, cells which are open for input have a yellow background and those that are pre-populated have a grey background, as below:

Data needs inputting in the cell

Pre-populated cell

Note on viewing the sheets optimally

To more optimally view each of the sheets and in particular the drop down lists clearly on screen, please change the zoom level between 90% - 100%. Most drop downs are also available to view as lists within the relevant sheet or in the guidance tab for readability if required.

If required, the row heights can be adjusted to fit and view text more comfortably for the cells that require narrative information. Please note that the column widths are not flexible.

The details of each sheet within the template are outlined below.

Checklist

1. This sheet helps identify the data fields that have not been completed. All fields that appear as incomplete should be complete before sending to the Better Care Support Team.
2. It is sectioned out by sheet name and contains the description of the information required, cell reference (hyperlinked) for the question and the 'checker' column which updates automatically as questions within each sheet are completed.
3. The checker column will appear "Red" and contain the word "No" if the information has not been completed. Clicking on the corresponding "Cell Reference" column will link to the incomplete cell for completion. Once completed the checker column will change to "Green" and contain the word "Yes"
4. The 'sheet completed' cell will update when all 'checker' values for the sheet are green containing the word 'Yes'.
5. Once the checker column contains all cells marked 'Yes' the 'Incomplete Template' cell (below the title) will change to 'Complete Template'.
6. Please ensure that all boxes on the checklist tab are green before submission.

1. Cover

1. The cover sheet provides essential information on the area for which the template is being completed, contacts and sign off.
2. Question completion tracks the number of questions that have been completed; when all the questions in each section of the template have been completed the cell will turn green. Only when all cells are green should the template be sent to england.bettercaresupport@nhs.net

2. National Conditions & s75 Pooled Budget

This section requires the Health & Wellbeing Board to confirm whether the four national conditions detailed in the Integration and Better Care Fund planning requirements for 2017-19 continue to be met through the delivery of your plan. Please confirm as at the time of completion.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/integration-better-care-fund-planning-requirements.pdf>

This sheet sets out the four conditions and requires the Health & Wellbeing Board to confirm 'Yes' or 'No' that these continue to be met. Should 'No' be selected, please provide an explanation as to why the condition was not met within the quarter and how this is being addressed. Please note that where a National Condition is not being met, the HWB is expected to contact their Better Care Manager.

In summary, the four national conditions are as below:

National condition 1: A jointly agreed plan

Please note: This also includes onfirming the continued agreement on the jointly agreed plan for DFG spending

National condition 2: NHS contribution to social care is maintained in line with inflation

National condition 3: Agreement to invest in NHS-commissioned out-of-hospital services

National condition 4: Implementation of the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfers of Care

3. National Metrics

The BCF plan includes the following four metrics: Non-Elective Admissions, Delayed Transfers of Care, Residential Admissions and Reablement. As part of the BCF plan for 17/19, planned targets have been agreed for these metrics.

This section captures a confidence assessment on meeting these BCF planned targets for each of the BCF metrics.

A brief commentary is requested for each metric outlining the challenges faced in meeting the BCF targets, any achievements realised and an opportunity to flag any Support Needs the local system may have recognised where assistance may be required to facilitate or accelerate the achievement of the BCF targets.

As a reminder, if the BCF planned targets should be referenced as below:

- Residential Admissions and Reablement: BCF plan targets were set out on the BCF Planning Template
- Non Elective Admissions (NEA): The BCF plan mirrors the CCG Operating Plans for Non Elective Admissions except where areas have put in additional reductions over and above these plans in the BCF planning template. Where areas have done so and require a confirmation of their BCF NEA plan targets, please write into england.bettercaresupport@nhs.net
- DToC: The BCF plan targets for DToC for the current year 17/18 should be referenced against the agreed trajectory submitted on the separate DToC monthly collection template for 17/18.

The progress narrative should be reported against this agreed monthly trajectory as part of the HWB's plan

When providing the narrative on challenges and achievements, please also reflect on the metric performance trend when compared to the quarter from the previous year - emphasising any improvement or deterioration observed or anticipated and any associated comments to explain.

Please note that the metrics themselves will be referenced (and reported as required) as per the standard national published datasets.

4. High Impact Change Model

The BCF National Condition 4 requires areas to implement the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfer of Care. Please identify your local system's current level of maturity for each of the eight change areas for the reported quarter and the planned / expected level of maturity for the subsequent quarters in this year.

The maturity levels utilised are the ones described in the High Impact Changes Model ([link below](#)) and an explanation for each is included in the key below:

Not yet established - The initiative has not been implemented within the HWB area

Planned - There is a viable plan to implement the initiative / has been partially implemented within some areas of the HWB geography

Established - The initiative has been established within the HWB area but has not yet provided proven benefits / outcomes

Mature - The initiative is well embedded within the HWB area and is meeting some of the objectives set for improvement

Exemplary - The initiative is fully functioning, sustainable and providing proven outcomes against the objectives set for improvement

<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/our-improvement-offer/care-and-health-improvement/systems-resilience/high-impact-change-model>

Where the selected maturity levels for the reported quarter are 'Mature' or 'Exemplary', please provide further detail on the initiatives implemented and related actions that have led to this assessment.

For each of the HICM changes please outline the challenges and issues in implementation, the milestone achievements that have been met in the reported quarter and any impact to highlight, and any support needs identified to facilitate or accelerate the implementation of the respective changes.

Hospital Transfer Protocol (or the Red Bag Scheme):

The template also collects updates on areas' implementation of the optional 'Red Bag' scheme. Delivery of this scheme is not a requirement of the Better Care Fund, but we have agreed to collect information on its implementation locally via the BCF quarterly reporting template.

Please report on implementation of a Hospital Transfer Protocol (also known as the 'Red Bag scheme') to enhance communication and information sharing when residents move between care settings and hospital.

Where there are no plans to implement such a scheme please provide a narrative on alternative mitigations in place to support improved communications in hospital transfer arrangements for social care residents.

Further information on the Red Bag / Hospital Transfer Protocol:

A quick guide is currently in draft format. Further guidance is available on the Kahootz system or on request from the NHS England Hospital to Home team. The link to the Sutton Homes of Care Vanguard – Hospital Transfer Pathway (Red Bag) scheme is as below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoYZPXmULHE>

5. Narrative

This section captures information to provide the wider context around health and social integration.

Please tell us about the progress made locally to the area's vision and plan for integration set out in your BCF narrative plan for 2017-19. This might include significant milestones met, any agreed variations to the plan and any challenges.

Please tell us about an integration success story observed over reported quarter highlighting the nature of the service or scheme and the related impact.

