



Bury Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of the Report	Reporting of Better Care Fund performance
Date	26 th May 2015
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HWB Lead in this area	

1. Executive Summary

Is this report for?	Information <input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Why is this report being brought to the Board?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To brief the Health and Wellbeing Board on the national reporting and monitoring requirements for the Better Care Fund Plan To seek future delegated sign off arrangements for the submission of the return on a quarterly basis as necessary To share with the Board the report that was submitted to the national Team on 29th May 2015 for discussion and ratification 		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities the report relates to. (See attached Strategy)	<div style="text-align: center;">  Living_well_in_Bury_Making_it_happen_to </div>		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment priorities the report relates to. (See attached JSNA)	<div style="text-align: center;">  Bury JSNA - Final for HWBB 3.pdf </div>		
Key Actions for the Health and Wellbeing Board to address – what	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss and ratify the Better Care Fund quarterly report for the 		

<p>action is needed from the Board and its members? Please state recommendations for action.</p>	<p>period 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2015 which was submitted to the national team on 29th May 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To delegate responsibility to the Chair of the Board for sign off of future quarterly reports which will then be brought to the attention of the Health and Wellbeing Board at subsequent meetings.
<p>What requirement is there for internal or external communication around this area?</p>	<p>none</p>
<p>Assurance and tracking process – Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG Board/other stakeholders....please provide details.</p>	<p>No</p>

2. Introduction / Background

Introduction

This purpose of this report is to:

- brief the Health and Wellbeing Board on the national reporting and monitoring requirements for the Better Care Fund Plan
- seek delegated sign off arrangements for the submission of the return on a quarterly basis as necessary
- share with the Board the report that was submitted on 29th May 2015 for discussion and ratification

Background

The National Better Care Fund Task Force issued guidance in March 2015 to Clinical Commissioning Groups, Local Authorities and Health and Wellbeing Boards with reference to the operationalisation of the Better Care Fund plans in 2015-16. This guidance sets out:

- The Care Act legislation underpinning the Better Care Fund
- The accountability arrangements and flows of funding
- The reporting and monitoring requirements for 15 – 16
- Arrangements for the operation of payment for performance framework
- How progress against plans will be managed and what the escalation process will look like
- The role of the Better Care Fund Task Force/ Better Care Support team going forward

For further information – the guidance is embedded below.



bcf-operationalisation-guidance-1516.pdf

The national team then revised the guidance and issued a simpler quarterly reporting template in May 2015 and the revised guidance is embedded below.



150511 QR guidance (final).docx

3. key issues for the Board to Consider

The national team has set the deadlines for submitting the returns for 2015 – 16 and these are identified in the reporting schedule embedded below. The completed return has to be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.



Better Care Fund Reporting and Monitoring

The quarterly reporting template focuses on the allocation, budget arrangements and national conditions. Data in relation to the agreed local performance metrics and income/expenditure data will be collected as part of the quarterly reporting return due at the end of quarter 1 2015-16. An updated template capturing these additional reporting requests will be circulated by the national team in early July.

It can be seen from the reporting schedule above that the reporting template will be considered by the Bury Joint Commissioning Group and Integrated Partnership Board prior to submission to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Unfortunately the set Health and Wellbeing Board dates do not coincide with the national submission dates. As a result, it has been necessary to seek delegated sign off from the Health and Wellbeing Board Chair for the report submitted on 29th May 2015 which is attached for discussion, decision and ratification.

Following submissions, returns will undergo a single validation process. Following this data validation process a report will be published presenting the data returns submitted by each Health and Wellbeing board area and collating that data alongside the other national BCF metrics (forecast and actual performance) that will have been centrally collected from other sources.

4. Recommendations for action

The recommendations for action are as follows:

To discuss and ratify the Better Care Fund quarterly report for the period 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2015 which was submitted to the national team on 29th May 2015.

To delegate responsibility to the Chair of the Board for sign off of future quarterly reports which will then be brought to the attention of the Health and Wellbeing Board at subsequent meetings.

5. Financial and legal implications (if any)

If necessary please see advice from the Council Monitoring Officer Jayne Hammond (J.M.Hammond@bury.gov.uk) or Section 151 Officer Steve Kenyon (S.Kenyon@bury.gov.uk).

6. Equality/Diversity Implications

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