

South Tees Health and Well-being Executive Assurance Report

To:	Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board	Date:	25 March 2021
From:	Dr Ali Tahmassebi – Chair South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive	Agenda:	8
Purpose of the Item	To provide South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board with assurance that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations, and a summary of progress in implementing the Board’s Vision and Priorities.		
Summary of Recommendations	<p>That Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are assured that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations • invite the Lead Executive Officer for the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System to an ad hoc meeting of the Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board. 		

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. To provide South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with updates on progress with the delivery of the Board’s Vision and Priorities and assurance that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 To support the Board in the delivery of its priorities a South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive has been established. The South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive oversees and ensures the progress and implementation of the Board’s work programme and creates opportunities for the single Health and Wellbeing Board to focus on the priorities.

3 PROGRESSING STATUTORY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FUNCTIONS

- 3.1 The next section of this report sets out progress the Health and Wellbeing Executive has made against the Board’s statutory functions.

3.2 **Better Care Fund 2020/21 and 2021/22**

- 3.2.1 In March 2020, local areas were informed that publication of the Government’s approach to the Better Care Fund (BCF) in 2020-21 would be delayed to allow areas to better focus on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, but that minimal changes would be made for 2020-21.

It was confirmed in December 2020, that areas will not be required to submit BCF plans in 2020-21 but must agree the use of the mandatory minimum funding streams locally and place these into a pooling arrangement governed by an agreement under section 75

of the NHS Act 2006.

National conditions are:

- The contribution to social care from the CCG via the BCF must be agreed, and meet or exceed the minimum expectation
- Spend on CCG commissioned out of hospital (OOH) services to meet or exceed the minimum ringfence
- CCGs and local authorities to confirm compliance with the above conditions to their Health and Wellbeing Boards

Spending plans will not be assured regionally this year and there will be no national approval process. It is the responsibility of Health and Wellbeing Boards to:

- oversee the use of funding, ensuring that it meets the national conditions
- ensure that robust local governance is in place to oversee BCF funds. This includes placing the funding into a pooled fund governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 with an appropriate governance structure, that reports in to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- submit an end of year return.

3.2.2 The Better Care Funds are managed in South Tees through the Adults Joint Commissioning Board and BCF Implementation and Monitoring Group which have members from the CCG and both Local Authorities.

3.2.3 The Adults Joint Commissioning Board has assured the Health and Wellbeing Executive that the funds are in pooled fund arrangements under a section 75 agreement and meet the national conditions. BCF schemes have continued this year and all contribute to at least one of the previous year's metrics which are reducing non-elective admissions and permanent admissions to care homes, supporting patient discharges from hospital and reablement.

Performance reporting has been affected by the pandemic so we have not been able to set targets for the BCF metrics this year. Latest figures show a reduction in permanent admissions to care homes and in non-elective admissions to hospital.

3.2.4 Once received, the Adults Joint Commissioning Board will submit the national year end return on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Executive.

3.2.5 **Better Care Fund 2021/22**

The policy framework and planning requirements are due but are likely to be delayed. It is expected that there will be no significant changes to the BCF next year with the focus on prevention and anticipatory care, as well as discharge and flow. We will continue to allocate funding and monitor BCF schemes in accordance with the national conditions and these priorities.

4 Integrated Care System Update

- 4.1 On 11 February 2021, the Department of Health and Social Care published the White Paper Integration and innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all, which sets out legislative proposals for a health and care Bill. The White Paper brings together proposals that build on the recommendations made by NHS England and NHS Improvement in [Integrating care: next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England](#) with additional ones relating to the Secretary of State's powers over the system and targeted changes to public health, social care, and quality and safety matters.
- 4.2 The White Paper groups the proposals under the following themes: working together and supporting integration; stripping out needless bureaucracy; enhancing public confidence and accountability; and additional proposals to support public health, social care, and quality and safety.
- 4.3 In order for the Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board to fully understand the content of the White Paper and its implications locally it is proposed that the Board invite the Lead Executive Officer for the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System to an ad hoc meeting of the Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board:
- Are assured that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations
 - invite the Lead Executive Officer for the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System to an ad hoc meeting of the Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 No background papers other than published works were used in writing this report.

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