

Chair's Introduction and Update from BCST

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Better Care Programme overview

- The Better Care Fund (BCF), now in its fourth year, is the only mandatory national programme for integrating health and social care
- The BCF is a partnership programme that represents a collaboration between NHS England, the Department of Health and Social Care, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and the Local Government Association (LGA)
- Aims to **break down organisational barriers** so health and social care can deliver the right care, in the right place, at the right time, so that people can:
 - Manage their own health and wellbeing
 - Live independently in their communities for as long as possible
 - Be at the centre of their care and support to ensure improved experience and better quality of life.

Big Picture

Integration Policy

- BCF review developing options for BCF beyond 2020
- Considering role of the fund and ensuring best value

Spending and wider landscape

- NHS LTP prioritises closer integration at system and place level, with primary care anchoring an improve community offer
- Work underway to improve measurement of integration

BCF priorities

- Identifying the best way to understand impact and progress on integration
- Retaining a focus on person centred care and prevention

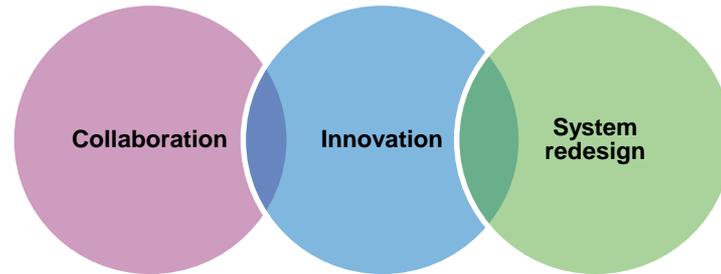
BCF 2019-20

- Less change in 2019-20. Essentially a transition year before new spending period.
- Aims from a BCST perspective:
 - Minimise planning burden;
 - Provide consistency;
 - Support areas through the year to prepare for the new programme.
- The BCF Planning Requirements for 2019-20 to be collected via a single template with minimal narrative input.
- Assurance of plans will continue to take place at regional level through joint NHS/local government arrangements.
- DToC expectations will continue to be set via the BCF

BCF and the NHS long-term plan

- The NHS Long Term Plan revealed a breadth of ambition for improving healthcare over the coming decade with particular focus on harnessing the power and talents of patients and the workforce.
- The plan recognises that the BCF has provided an opportunity for joint working between councils and the NHS.
- Integration of services remain high on the NHS Long Term agenda with plans to roll out the integrated Care Systems by April 2021.
- Sets out NHS commitment to continue supporting local approaches to pooled, joined up health and social care.
- Specific commitments to integrating community services (urgent response, reablement and health in care homes). We are working with the team to join up.

National Impact of the Better Care Fund



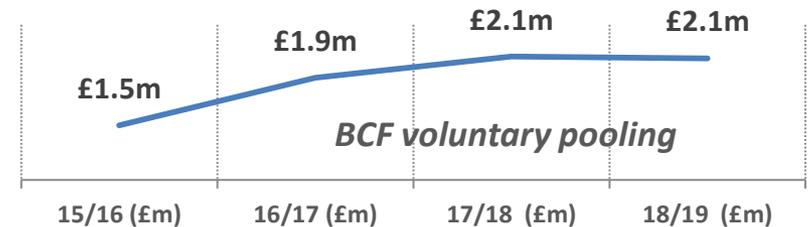
1 Impact on joint working for integration of care

Positive impact on local relationships and joint working

93% of Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) agreed that the BCF has improved joint working between health and social care in 2017-18 (90% in 16-17)

91% of HWB agreed that the BCF had positive impact on integration of health and social care in 2017-18 (88% in 16-17)

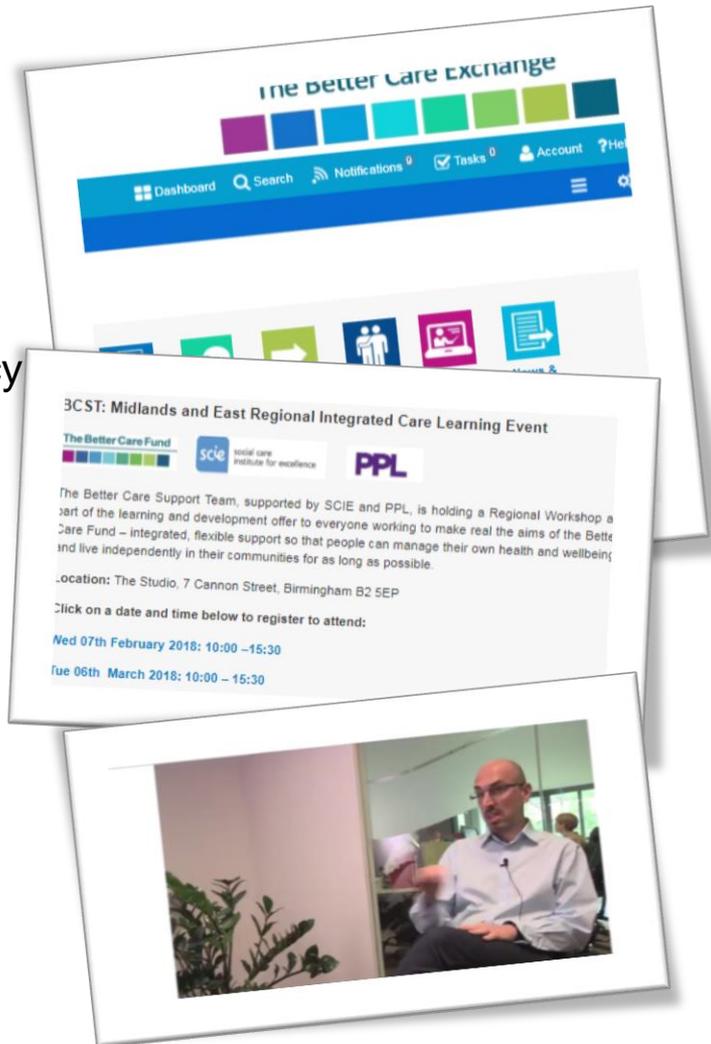
Year on year increase in voluntary pooling of funds



BCF Support Programme

We are continuing to deliver a broad programme of support, including:

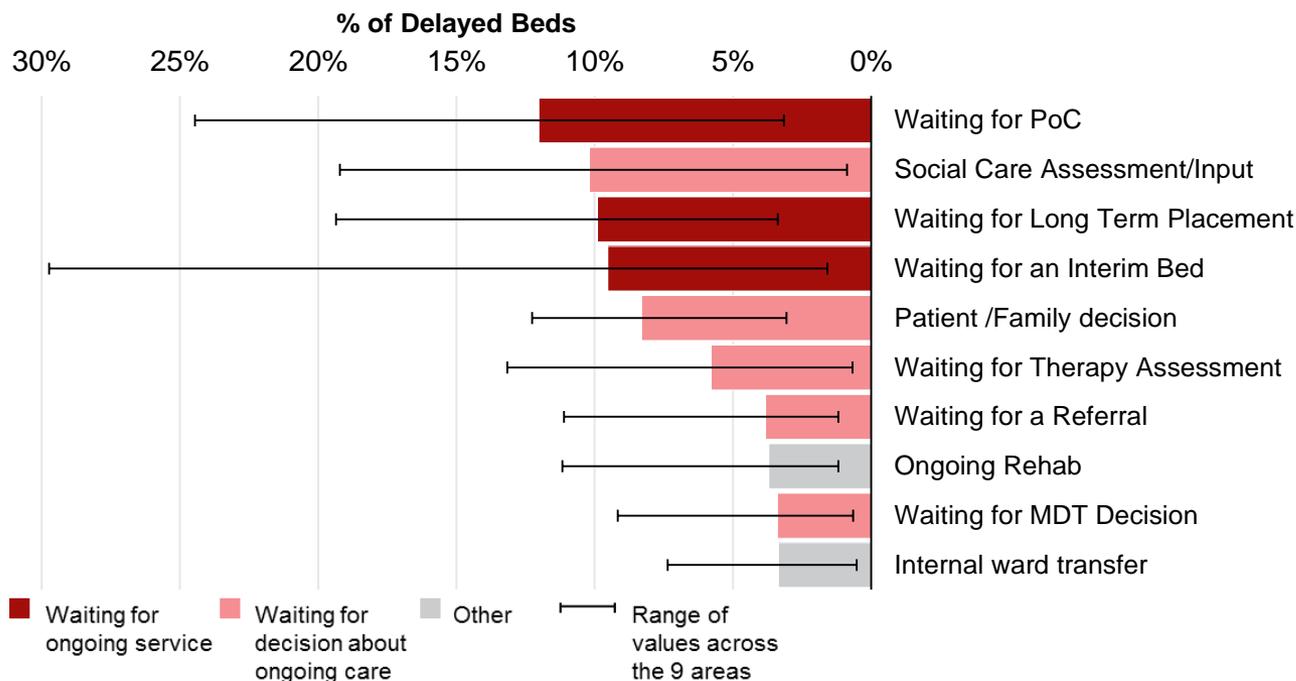
- Devolved regional support funding
- Better Care Advisory /Multidisciplinary team consultancy support and peer reviews
- National thematic workshops and masterclasses
- Regional networking events
- Weekly Integration and Better Care Fund e-bulletin
- The Better Care Exchange – collaboration platform
- Refreshing series of How to guides on integrated care
- Integrated care learning syllabus and CPD programme
- Integration handbook
- Integration videos.



Learning from targeted support on discharge

As part of the Better Care Support Offer we commissioned Newton Europe to help areas identify key factors causing delays to people's discharge from hospital.

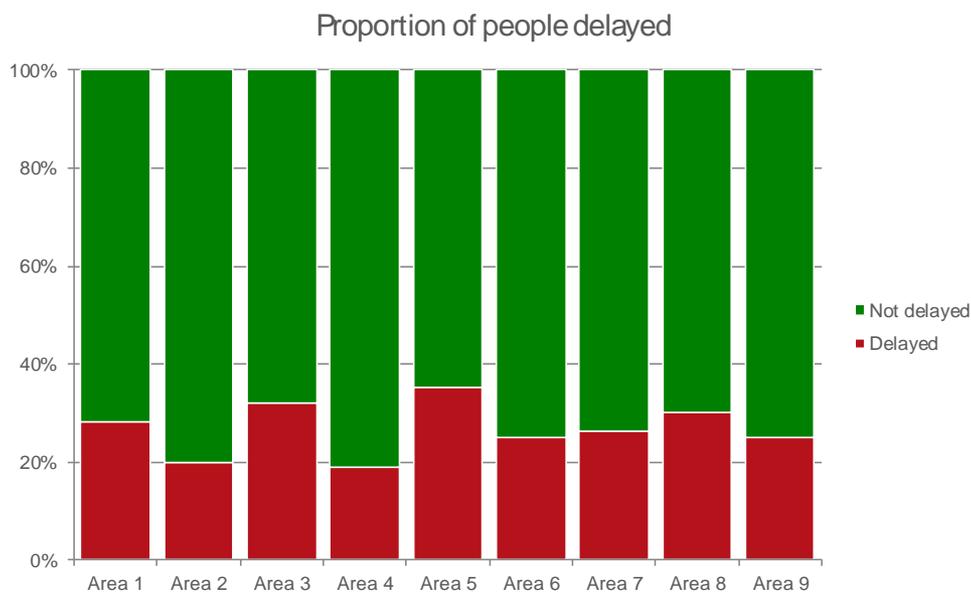
TOP 10 REASONS FOR DELAY



Of the 27% fit but waiting to be discharged, **37% were waiting for an ongoing service** (e.g. for a package of care or for a bed), and **37% of them were waiting for a decision about their ongoing care** (e.g. through an assessment).

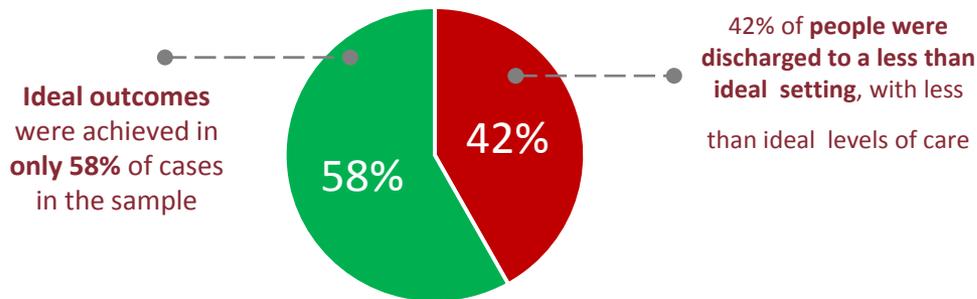
Better Care Support programme

How many people wait to be discharged from hospital?



- Across 14 systems, we looked at 10,400 patients occupying hospital beds. On average, across the systems, **27% of these had been declared medically fit for discharge, but were still in hospital.**
- This means that, not only are they at risk of losing muscle mass, mobility, independence, confidence and contracting infection, but they are also occupying a bed that is needed for others with acute illnesses or injury.

WHEN DISCHARGED, DO PEOPLE GO TO THE RIGHT SETTING TO MAXIMISE INDEPENDENCE?



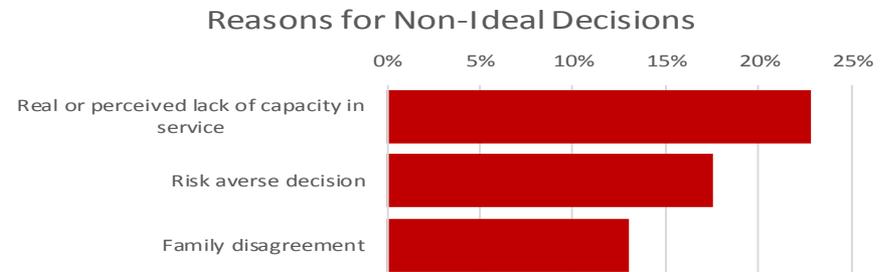
Ideal outcomes were achieved in only 58% of cases in the sample

42% of people were discharged to a less than ideal setting, with less than ideal levels of care

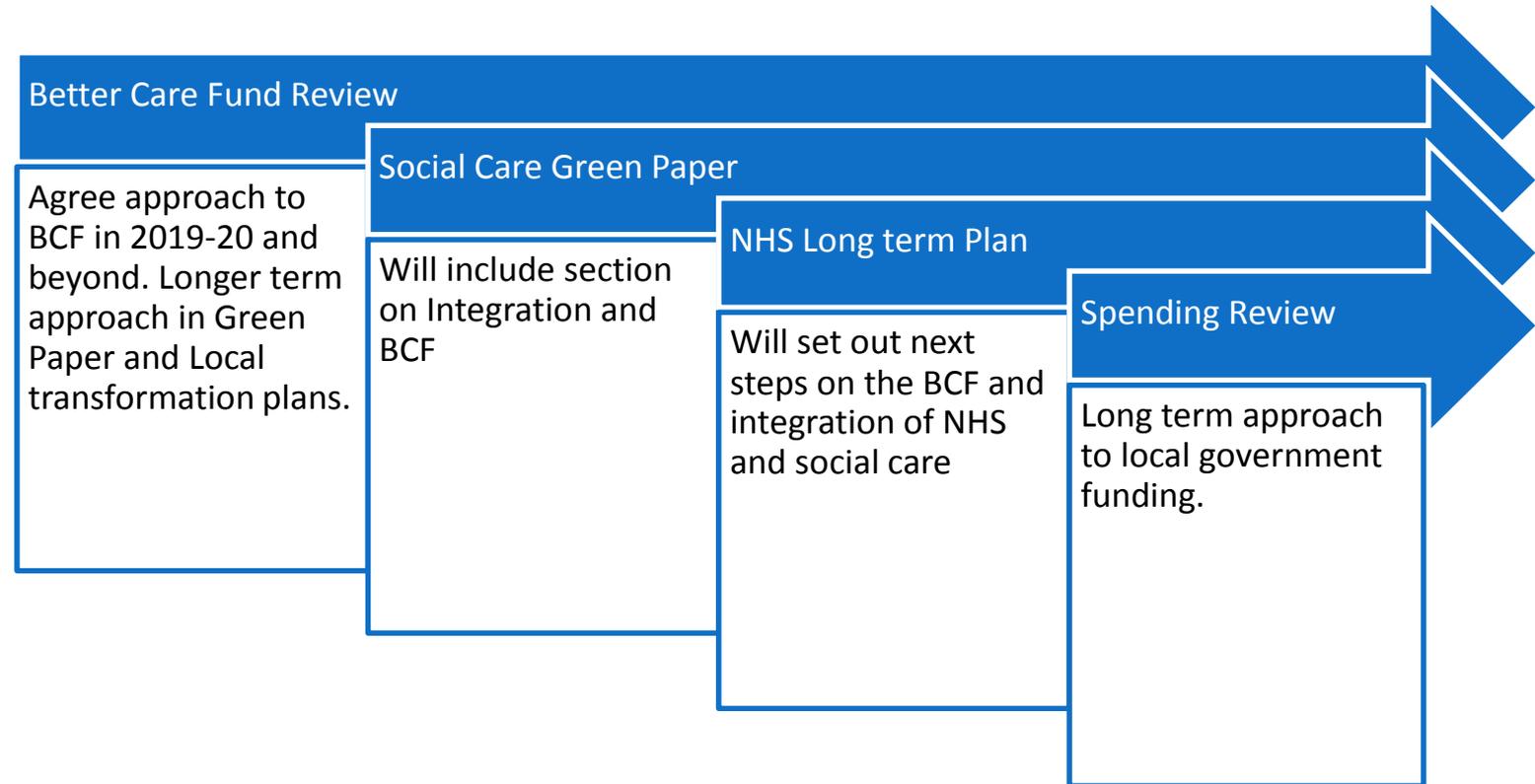
The evidence from this work suggests that outcomes for delayed patients have not improved since the 'Efficiency opportunities through health and social care integration' report produced by the LGA and Newton in 2016. This indicates an entrenched problem with discharge decision-making across the sector.

The case reviews we conducted with practitioners in all systems indicated that between 32% and 54% of people are discharged to a less than optimal setting, with a less than optimal level of care.

This has a significant impact on outcomes, staff, resources and budgets.



Next steps



Any questions?

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