



Better Care Fund National Workshop: Integration and the Future



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The Future of BCF: Looking forward to 2020

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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

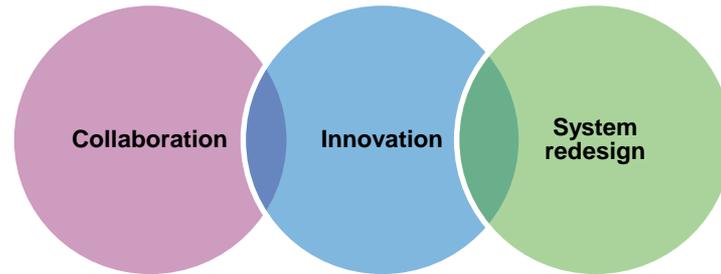
Spending and wider landscape

- NHS Long Term Plan priorities closer integration at system and place level, with primary care anchoring an improved 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 centered care, keeping people independent at home and prevention
- Changes to design to allow more effective, long term planning locally

National Impact of the Better Care Fund



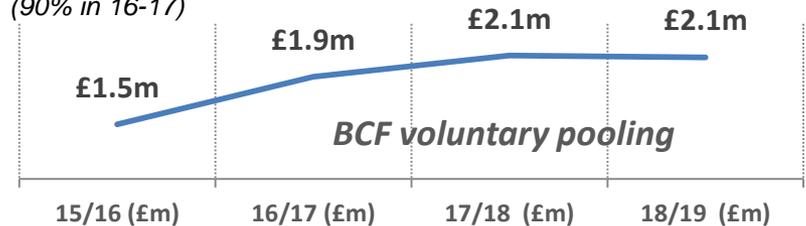
1 Impact on joint working for integration of care

Positive impact on local relationships and joint working

Year on year increase in voluntary pooling of funds

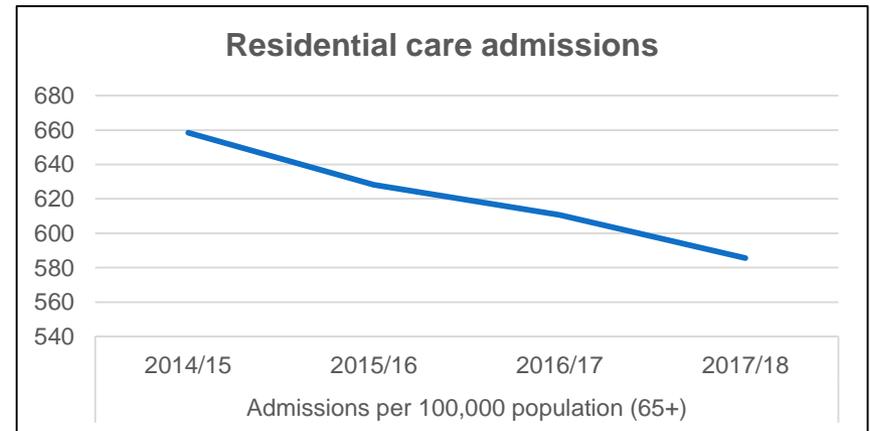
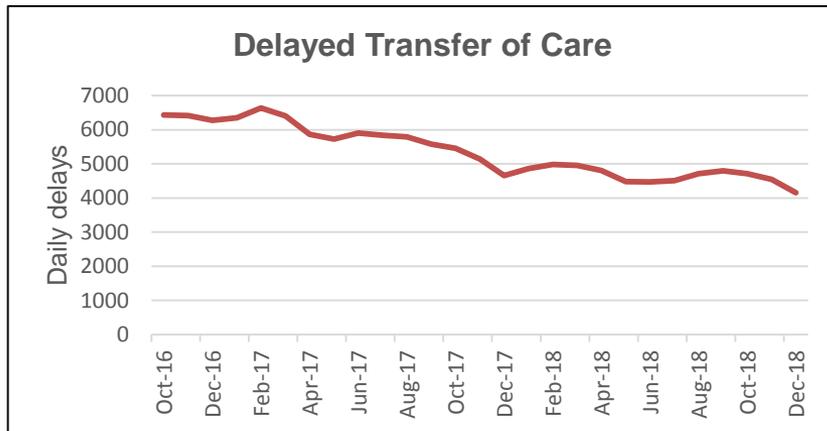
93% of Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) agreed that the BCF has improved joint working between health and social care in 2017-18 (90% in 16-17)

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



National Impact of the Better Care Fund:

2 | Impact on metrics

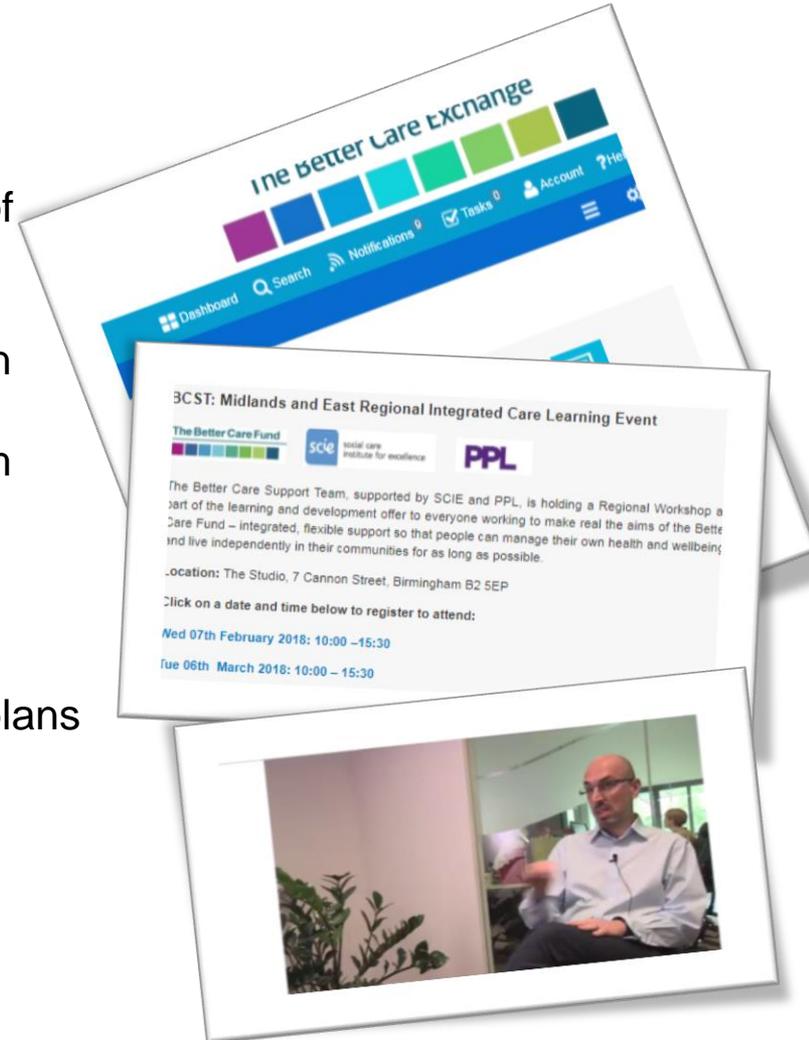


- Across England, delayed transfers of care figures reduced by **37%** in the period between February 2017 - December 2018.
- The National Audit Office's report calls attention to the BCF for having '**considerable success**' in tackling the issue of '**treating older patients who no longer need to be in acute hospital**'

- Nationally, Residential admissions showed an improvement. Avoiding permanent placements in residential and nursing homes is a good measure of delaying dependency.

BCF Support Programme

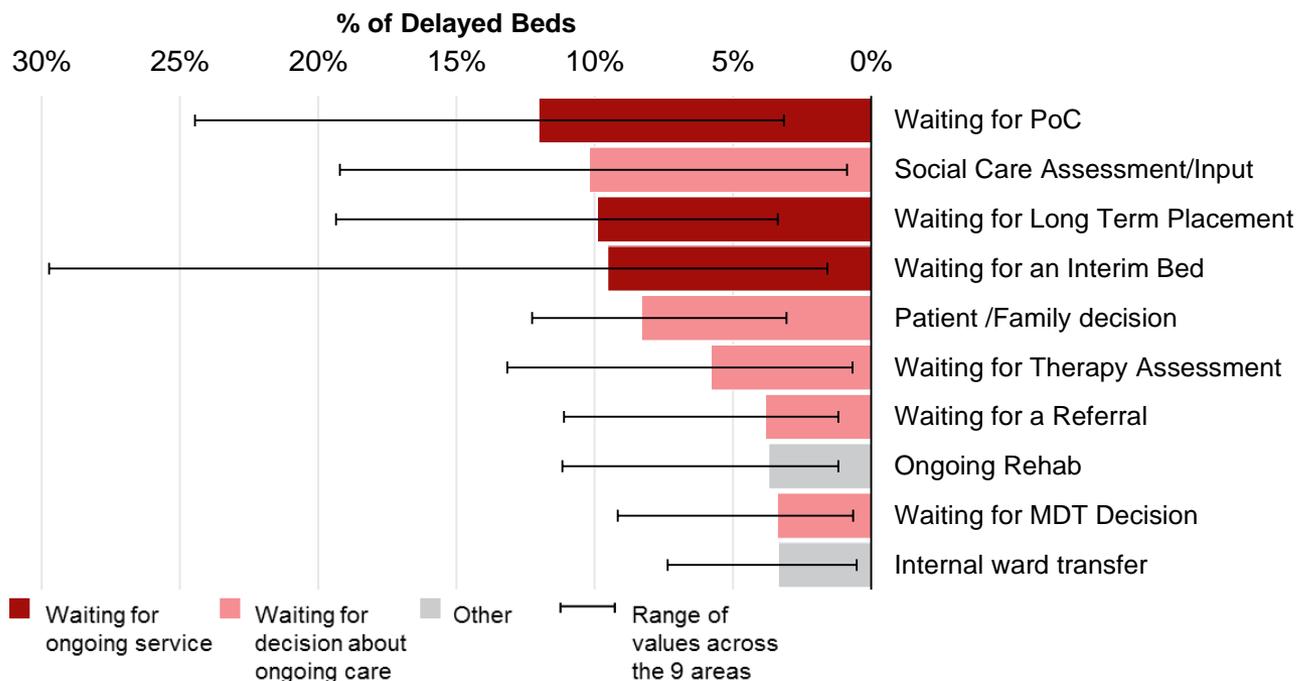
- We are continuing to deliver a broad programme of support, including:
- Weekly Integration and Better Care Fund e-bulletin
- The Better Care Exchange – collaboration platform
- Case studies, and emerging and local practice examples, including video content
- Range of support to help areas deliver their BCF plans



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).

BCF 2019-20

- Limited change in 2019-20.
- Essentially a transition year before new spending period.
- Expecting policy framework soon.
- All information collected in one template

BCF Review

The Department for Health & Social Care, along with the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, are reviewing the Better Care Fund.

The Better Care Fund Review was announced in June 2018.

“As part of the NHS plan we will review the current functioning and structure of the Better Care Fund to make sure it supports this. Whilst the long term funding profile of the social care system will not be settled until the spending review, we will publish the social care green paper ahead of that.”

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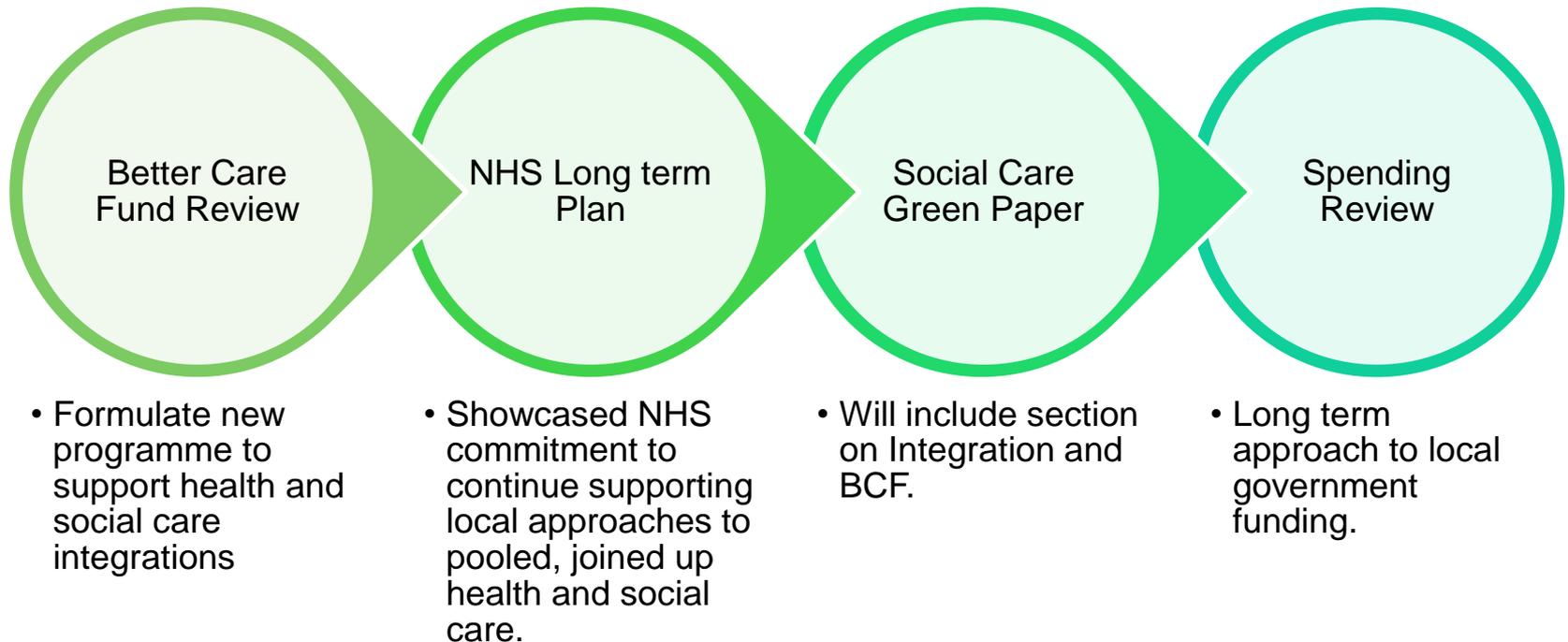
Why are we reviewing the BCF?

- Review the functioning and structure of the BCF
- Identify the future model for budget pooling and accountability
- Formulate the national policy
- Align with key pieces of parallel work, such as the NHS Long Term Plan and Social Care Green Paper.

What do we hope to achieve?

- A clear understanding of the current functioning and structure of the BCF
- The views from our internal partners & external stakeholders
- An evidence review
- Future - objectives for any future model Cross-Government agreement on

Integration landscape



Any questions?

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