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# Better Care Fund Regional Workshop: West Midlands ~ Admission Avoidance

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Integration and  
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# Better Care Programme overview

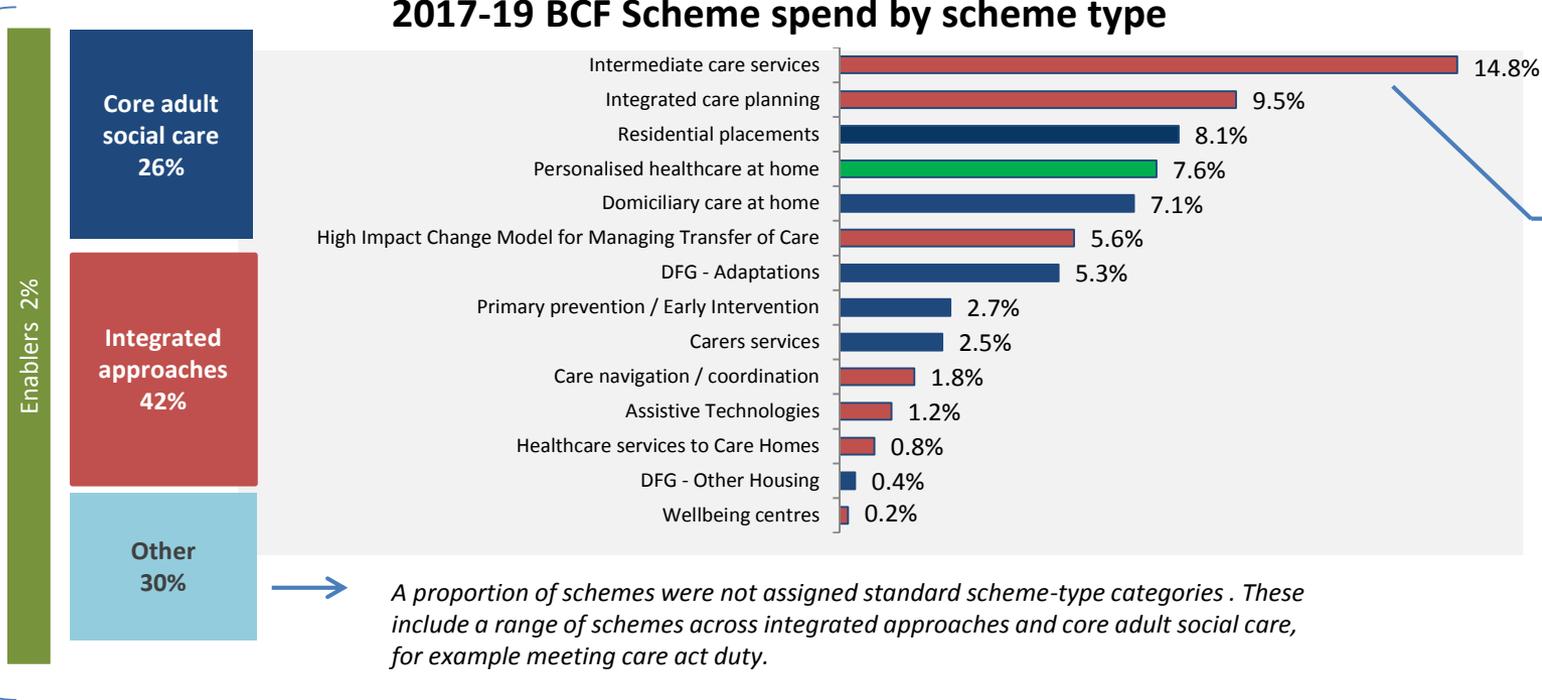
- The Better Care Fund (BCF) is the only **mandatory national programme** for integrating health and social care
- The BCF is a partnership programme that represents a collaboration between NHS England, the Department of Health and Social Care, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and 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.

# How the Better Care Fund has been used

## Impact on local system planning

The Care Quality Commission report praises the BCF for *'showing what is possible when health and social care organisations are able to commission services from a unified budget'*

### 2017-19 BCF Scheme spend by scheme type

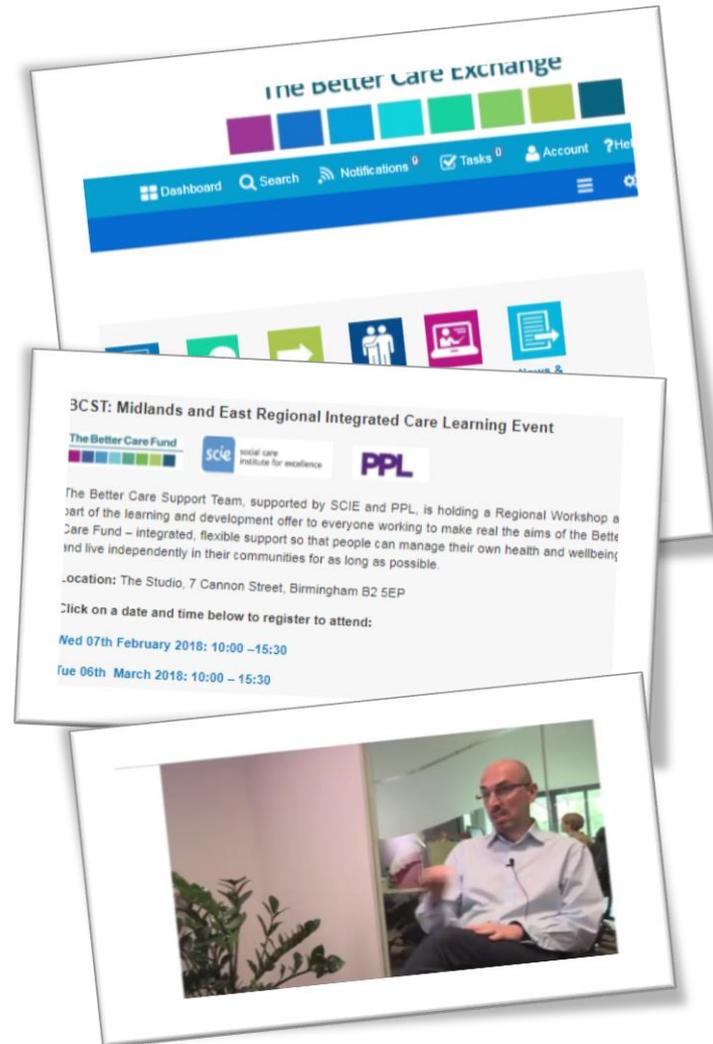


- A significant proportion of planned schemes are integrated approaches, traversing the “interface” between health and social care
- **‘Intermediate care services’, ‘Integrated care planning’, ‘Residential placements’ and ‘Personalised healthcare at home’** were the top 4 standard scheme types in terms of proportion of planned spend.

# BCF Support Programme

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

- Better Care Managers
- Better Care Advisory & multi-disciplinary support
- Peer reviews for systems
- Transfers of care support
- National Thematic Workshops
- Regional support funding
- Regional support events and networking
- Weekly Integration and Better Care Fund e-bulletin
- The Better Care Exchange – collaboration platform
- Refreshing series of How-to Guides on integrated care
- Case studies, and emerging and local practice examples, including video content
- Briefing papers on a range of integration topics



# Admissions Avoidance

## **LGA project on Admissions Avoidance**

Rich Brady from the Local Government Association's Care and Health Improvement Programme (CHIP).

- Rich has been seconded from the CQC to lead some work looking at admissions avoidance.
- As part of the HICM review, there is an appetite to look at admissions avoidance
- Scoping work to see what a potential model may look like.

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# Integration landscape

