

Chair's Introduction and Update from BCST

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Better Care Fund National Workshop: Integration in Housing & Engaging the Voluntary and Community Sector

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Better Care Programme overview

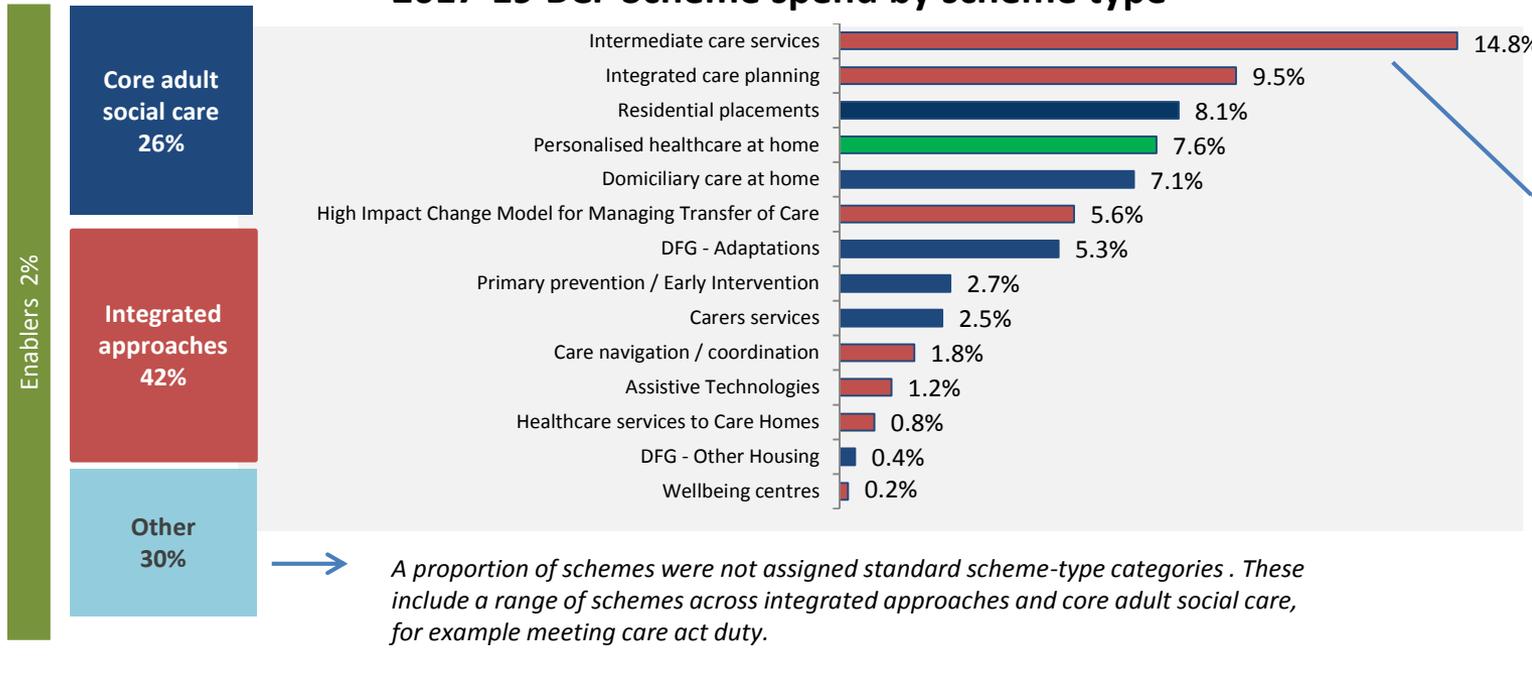
- The Better Care Fund (BCF) is the only **mandatory national programme** for integrating health and social care
- The BCF is a partnership programme that represents a collaboration between NHS England, the Department of Health and Social Care, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and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

Growing recognition of the role of housing

Select Committee: Adult Social Care (March 2017)

- The Chartered Institute for Housing: anecdotally there is still variable involvement and integration of local housing authorities particularly in two tier areas, in the development of health and wellbeing strategies and action plans to support the BCF.
- Concern that DFG was “...a slow, costly and frustrating process”.
- Recommendation by ASC Select Committee: DCLG should review the operation of the DFG especially the split between districts and county councils and housing and social care in unitary authorities.

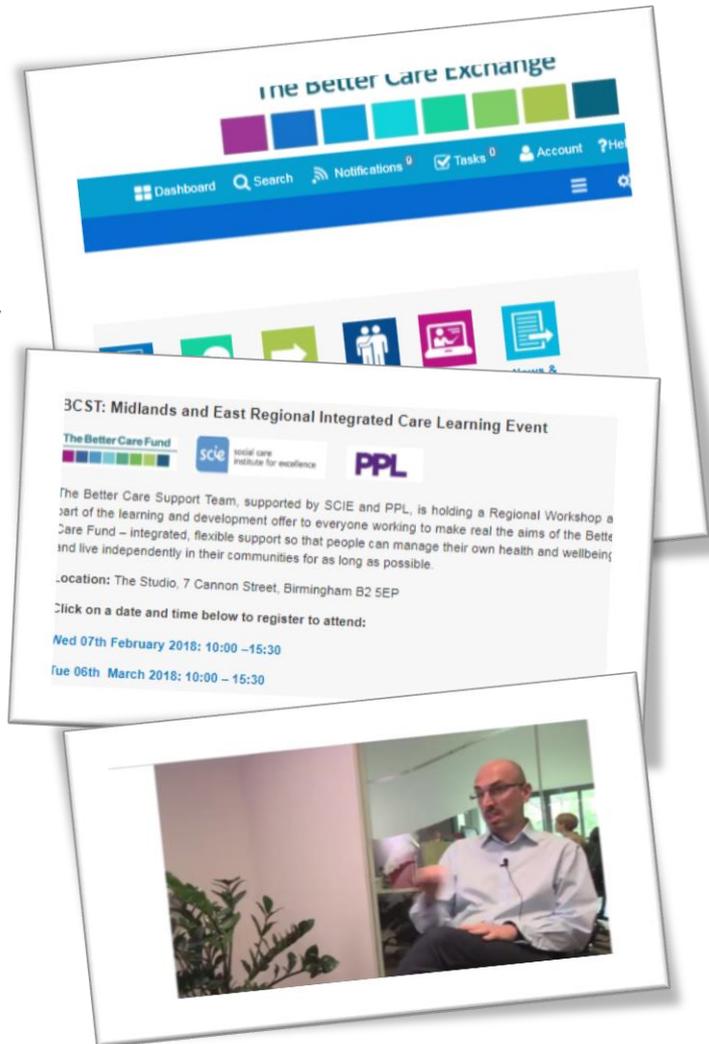
NHS Quick Guides

- Range of NHS England Quick Guides targeted at CCGs – Foundations and Better Care Support have been engaged
- Building awareness that housing organisations can: provide health and wellbeing services; improve homes; improve safety and suitability; provide step up and down services; and offer advice.
- This quick guide focuses on three key elements:
 1. How housing can help prevent people from being admitted to hospital;
 2. How housing can help people be discharged from hospital; and
 3. How housing can support people to remain independent in the community

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/keogh-review/Documents/quick-guides/Quick-Guide-health-and-housing.pdf>

BCF Support Programme

- We are continuing to deliver a broad programme of support, including:
- Better Care Advisory and multi-disciplinary consultancy support
- Peer Reviews for systems
- Transfers of Care support
- National Thematic Workshops
 - 14 February and 28 February
- 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



Integration landscape

