

PUBLIC QUESTIONS for the 7 June Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting

1. Question from Mr Bill Russell in relation to the Better Care Fund

Could the Health & Wellbeing Board please provide the scorecard showing the performance of the Better Care Fund during 2015/2016? I have seen the scorecard for Q1 but I have searched for those for Q2, Q3 & Q4 but have been unable to find them.

Response from Trevor Boyd 1 June 2016:

Dear Bill

Thank you for your email of 18th May 2016, and your interest in the progress and performance being made in respect of the Better Care Fund. I am the Sponsor in respect of the delivery of the Better Care Fund (BCF) for the Health and Wellbeing Board. We are in the process of appointing a lead officer to co-ordinate reporting and management of our Better Care Fund and the progression of our integration journey with Clinical Commissioning Group colleagues.

The BCF Scorecard you refer to was not used to report following the meeting in June 2015. However quarterly returns have been made to the Department of Health (DH), in line with the requirements. Please note that the Quarter 4 submission has not yet been made.

Quarterly submissions have not in themselves been used to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board in respect of the success of the BCF, and reporting has variously taken the format of a written report or slide presentation, and has used the information contained in the quarterly return to the DH and has been included in the Health and Wellbeing Board papers.

As you may be aware there are a number of projects which are funded through our BCF, and the objective of these is to support the best provision for the person in the best place to meet their needs in the most appropriate and cost effective way by ensuring we work in an integrated manner, streamlining services from the perspective of the service user and avoiding duplication. We are working to strengthen our evaluations processes aligned to each of the projects and this will help us to develop a more meaningful reporting framework for the Health and Wellbeing Board, and to inform the development of a reporting framework which will detail how effective the projects are in delivering the key objectives of the BCF, namely:

- Reducing non elective hospital admission
- Reducing those over 65s who are permanently admitted to residential or nursing care homes
- Increasing the percentage who are still in their own home 91 days post hospital discharge
- Increasing the percentage of those who are discharged to the same place from which they were admitted
- The level of satisfaction of people who use services with the care and support they receive

I attach a copy of the Q2 and 3 returns and I hope my email answers your concerns.

2. Question from Mr Bill Russell in his capacity as chairman of the Stroke Service Users group.

A review of the Post-acute Stroke support Service was carried out recently by the joint commissioners in advance of a decision to recommission the service. The report of the review was presented to the Joint executive Team on 31st March.

I would like to take this opportunity, as Chairman of the Stroke Service Users group, to ask the council to publish this report.

The current contract is due to run out at the end of August and so there is little time left to redesign the service, to prepare a service specification and procure a provider. This is of great concern to members of the service user group and the stroke survivors who use the service.

Could someone please tell us what is happening, has a decision been made and what is the timetable for making a decision on the recommissioning of the service?

Responses from BCC lead officers 1 June 2016:

BCC is currently working with partners to determine the way forward and a meeting has been arranged with Esme Mutter Stroke Association, Susie Yapp and Debbie Richards from CCCG on 15th June to discuss the position. The decision will be taken as soon as possible and will be shared with the Stroke Service User Group at the earliest opportunity, as will the findings of the review