

Title	Better Care Fund
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Purpose of this item:

To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the progress in relation to the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 17-19.

Summary of main issues:

The present BCF Plan is a 2-year programme covering to 31 March 2019 which was submitted to NHS England (NHSE) on 11 September 2017. The Bucks BCF Plan was approved and in December, we were further informed that following a national review of the 2018/19 improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) allocations, Buckinghamshire's funding allocation would continue as previously assigned.

We have been advised that we will be required to undertake a light touch refresh of our plan mid-term (April 2018) and though we haven't yet received the guidance for this, we have been told there will remain a strong focus on continuing to reduce DToCs (delayed transfers of care).

We will be asked to refresh our DToC trajectory for 18/19. The NHSE is in discussions with the Department of Health about the methodology for the refresh, which is being designed to take account of areas which have already made significant and sustained progress and to provide a consistent methodology across health and social care.

Better Care Fund targets and trajectories have been significantly challenged nationally and have been under pressure within the Buckinghamshire system and remain the focus of considerable attention.

Recommendation for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- To note the update and presentation at the meeting.
- To support continuation of governance and sign-off arrangements in place