

Health & Wellbeing Board Buckinghamshire

Better Care Fund Update

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Recommendations for the Board

- **To note** the Better Care Fund update for 2020-21 and 2021-22
- **To note** the current position in relation to Better Care Fund and performance
- **To note** the plans to review the Better Care Fund

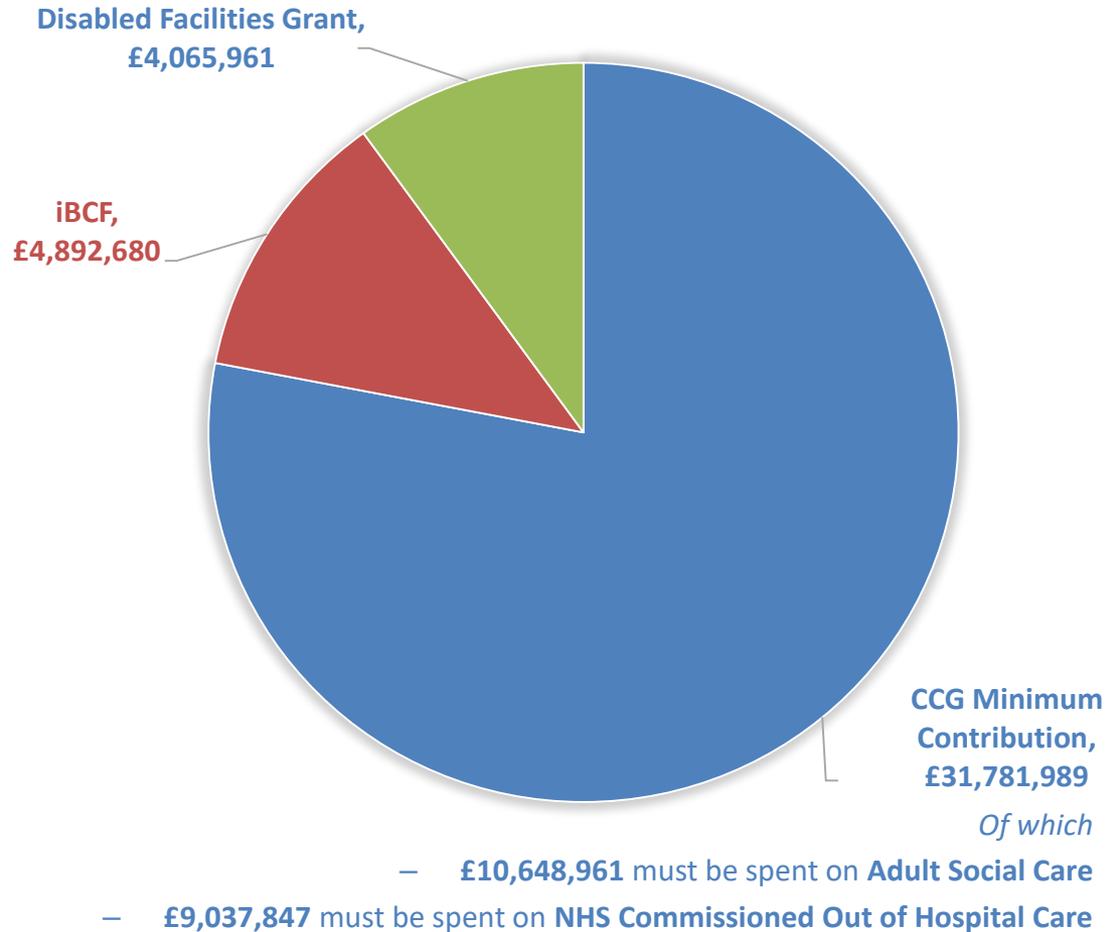
2020-21 Update –

Meeting National Requirements

- Given the ongoing pressures on systems, it has been agreed that formal BCF plans for 2020-21 will not have to be submitted for approval
- HWBBs are required to provide an end of year reconciliation confirming
 - National conditions have been met
 - The required minimum contributions to social care and out of hospital services have been met
 - Total spend from the mandatory funding sources
- Expenditure has been discussed and agreed via delegated authority to the Integrated Commissioning Executive Team

2020-21 Funding

BCF 2020-21 ALLOCATION = £40,740,630



High Impact Change Model (HICM)

- HICM are a series of 9 domains which care systems should use to benchmark themselves against a broad set of maturity levels. They form part of our BCF reporting arrangements.
- HICM guidance has been updated in light of COVID, together with a link to new Hospital Discharge Guidance and strategic adoption of a Home First approach.
- Buckinghamshire continues to accelerate its development of the 9 domains that will further enable patient flow, improving admission avoidance and ensuring effective discharge.

High Impact Change Model

	HICM Domain	Estimated maturity by March 2021
Chg 1	Early discharge planning	Established
Chg 2	Systems to monitor patient flow	Established
Chg 3	Multi-disciplinary / Multi-agency discharge teams	Established
Chg 4	Home first / discharge to assess	Established
Chg 5	Seven-day service	Established
Chg 6	Trusted assessors	Established
Chg 7	Focus on choice	Established
Chg 8	Enhancing health in care homes	Established
Chg 9	Housing and related services	Established

2020-21 Achievements

- With the implementation of the new Hospital discharge policy in March 2020, BCF funded schemes and services have been a lever to building a responsive discharge to assess service
- Covid response has significantly enhanced integrated working across the system
- Built on the use of trusted assessment and multidisciplinary working supporting maturity of the High Impact Change Model
- Maintained a seven day social care output supporting A&E departments as well as enabling D2A assessments to take place

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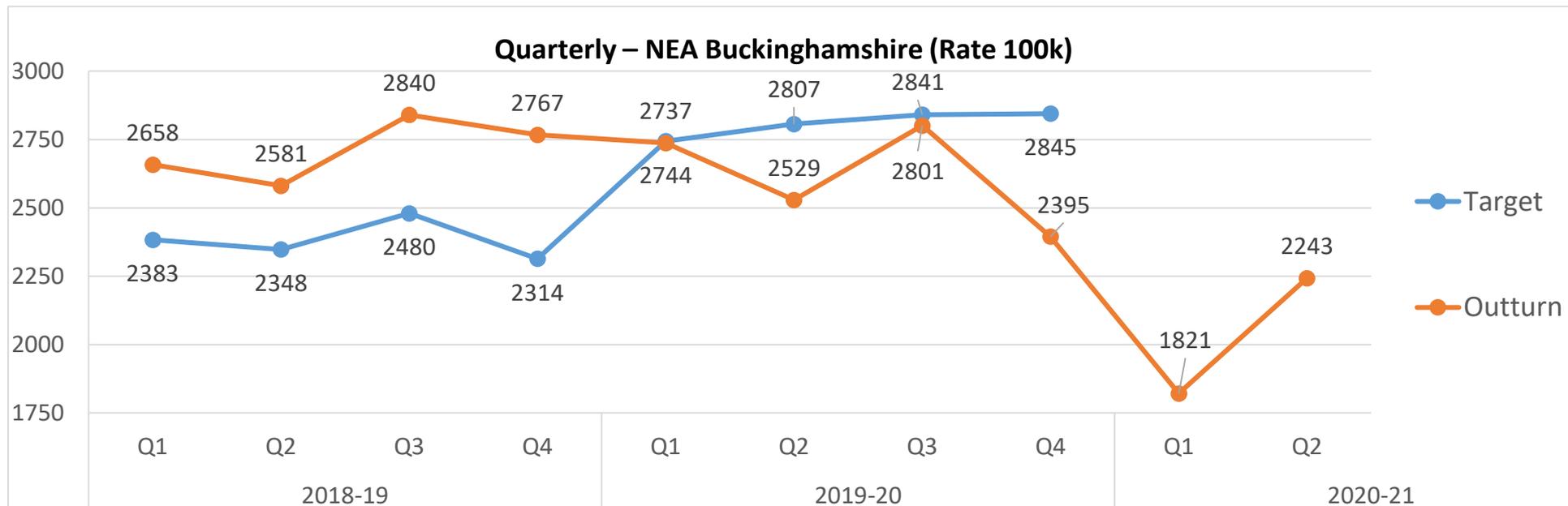
- Supported pathway 0, with 795 people supported through the Red Cross Home from Hospital Service (April – December 2020)
- Supported pathway 1, with 1,051 reablement referrals (April 2020 – Feb 2021) and an average of 36.2% of service users leaving with no ongoing care needs
- Supported 90 people to source their own care via the hospital brokerage service
- 605 new adult carers referred to Carers Bucks for support

2020-21 Update - Metrics

- There is no requirement this year to submit local trajectories for the BCF national metrics
- Systems are required to continue to work to make progress against them
- National reporting of Delayed Transfers of Care was suspended from 19 March 2020
- Local areas are reporting on a new set of related metrics under the Hospital Discharge Service Policy

Performance – Non-elective admissions (NEAs)

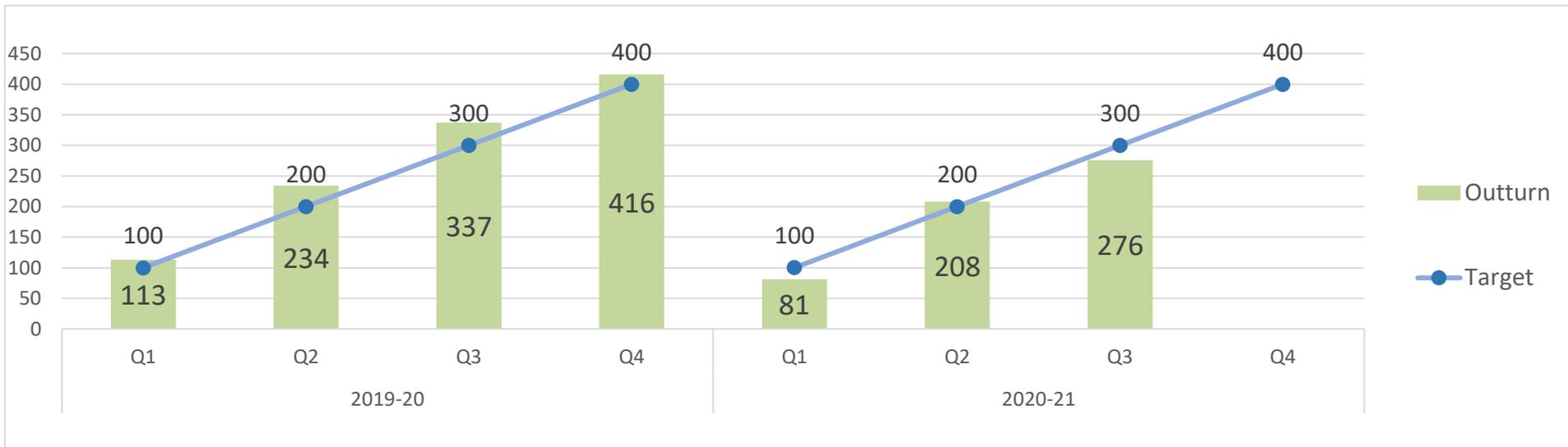
- No target set for 2020-21
- Q3 (Oct – Nov) = 1,559
- Reporting currently suspended locally due to staff redeployment
- Confirmed for 2021-22 that this metric will be replaced with ‘avoidable admissions’ metric



Performance – Admissions to care homes

- Target 400 per year – set locally
- January = 320 (target 333)
- This metric will continue for 2021-22

65+ Admissions to Residential and Nursing, per 100,000 (year to Date)



2021 – 22 Update

- BCF funding has been confirmed for 2021-22
- iBCF and Disabled Facilities Grant will continue at their current level
- The CCG contribution will increase by an average of 5.3% in line with the NHS Long Term Plan settlement
- Planning and policy guidance is expected but delayed due to ongoing discussion regarding future discharge funding
- Although not confirmed, funding is expected to continue as a two year planning cycle in addition to planning for 2021 - 22

Local BCF Review

- Buckinghamshire's BCF has remained stable and consistent in recent years. Most expenditure is on a recurrent basis for specified schemes and contracts
- Aim to review the BCF jointly with our health partners to
 - Fully understand the current allocation and utilisations of the BCF
 - Identify progress and gaps in relation to key priorities
 - To develop a 1+2 BCF plan which meets current needs and priorities
 - To review use of the BCF allocations considering this new plan

Local BCF Review – Timescales

- **Stage 1 – Priority areas for 2021-22 planning (March – April 2021)**
 - Priority areas to be reviewed in line with planning guidance including creating funding to support delivery of home first throughout 2021-22
- **Stage 2 – In-depth review to feed into 2022-23 planning and beyond (May 2021 – April 2022)**
 - Funding for 2022-23 has not been formally agreed but it has been indicated that planning for 2022 may be for a two or three-year cycle
 - It is the expectation that most changes to BCF expenditure will be from 2022 onwards.
- **Stage 3 – Final stage review (May – December 2022)**
 - Some elements of the BCF may require a longer timeframe in order to consider potential changes
 - These will feed into 2023-24 planning