

Quarterly Reporting Template - Guidance

Notes for Completion

The data collection template requires the Health & Wellbeing Board to track through the high level metrics and deliverables from the Health & Wellbeing Board Better Care Fund plan.

The completed return will require sign off by the Health & Wellbeing Board.

A completed return must be submitted to the Better Care Support Team inbox (england.bettercaresupport@nhs.net) by midday on 28th August 2015

This Excel data collection template for Q1 2015-16 focuses on budget arrangements, the national conditions, payment for performance, income and expenditure to and from the fund, and performance on local metrics. It also presents an opportunity for Health and Wellbeing Boards to register interest in support. Details on future data collection requirements and mechanisms will be announced ahead of the Q2 2015/16 data collection.

To accompany the quarterly data collection Health & Wellbeing Boards are required to provide a written narrative into the final tab to contextualise the information provided in this report and build on comments included elsewhere in the submission. This should include an explanation of any material variances against planned performance trajectories as part of a wider overview of progress with the delivery of plans for better care.

Content

The data collection template consists of 9 sheets:

Validations - This contains a matrix of responses to questions within the data collection template.

- 1) Cover Sheet** - this includes basic details and tracks question completion.
- 2) Budget arrangements** - this tracks whether Section 75 agreements are in place for pooling funds.
- 3) National Conditions** - checklist against the national conditions as set out in the Spending Review.
- 4) Non-Elective and Payment for Performance** - this tracks performance against NEL ambitions and associated P4P payments.
- 5) Income and Expenditure** - this tracks income into, and expenditure from, pooled budgets over the course of the year.
- 6) Local metrics** - this tracks performance against the locally set metric and locally defined patient experience metric in BCF plans.
- 7) Understanding support needs** - this asks what the key barrier to integration is locally and what support might be required.
- 8) Narrative** - this allows space for the description of overall progress on plan delivery and performance against key indicators.

Validations

This sheet contains all the validations for each question in the relevant sections.

All validations have been coloured so that if a value does not pass the validation criteria the cell will be Red and contain the word "No" and if they pass validation they will be coloured Green and contain the word "Yes".

1) Cover Sheet

On the cover sheet please enter the following information:

The Health and Well Being Board

Who has completed the report, email and contact number in case any queries arise

Please detail who has signed off the report on behalf of the Health and Well Being Board.

Question completion tracks the number of questions that have been completed, when all the questions in each section of the template have been completed the cell will turn green. Only when all 8 cells are green should the template be sent to england.bettercaresupport@nhs.net

2) Budget Arrangements

This plays back to you your response to the question regarding Section 75 agreements from the 2014-15 Q4 submission and requires 2 questions to be answered. Please answer as at the time of completion. If you answered 'Yes' previously you can selection 'Not Applicable' this time.

If your previous submission stated that the funds had not been pooled via a Section 75 agreement, can you now confirm that they have?

If the answer to the above is 'No' please indicate when this will happen

3) National Conditions

This section requires the Health & Wellbeing Board to confirm whether the six national conditions detailed in the Better Care Fund Planning Guidance are still on track to be

met. It sets out the six conditions and requires the Health & Wellbeing Board to confirm 'Yes', 'No' and 'No - In Progress' that these are on track. If 'No' or 'No - In Progress' is selected please provide a target date when you expect the condition to be met. Please detail in the comments box what the issues are and the actions that are being taken to meet the condition.

'No - In Progress' should be used when a condition has not been fully met but work is underway to achieve it by 31 March 2016.

Full details of the conditions are detailed at the bottom of the page.

4) Non-Elective and Payment for Performance

This section tracks performance against NEL ambitions and associated P4P payments. The latest figures for planned activity and costs are provided along with a calculation of the payment for performance payment that should have been made for Q4. Three figures are required and one question needs to be answered:

Input actual Q1 2015-16 Non-Elective performance (i.e. number of NELs for that period) - Cell L12

Input actual value of P4P payment agreed locally - Cell D23

If the actual payment locally agreed is different from the quarterly payment taken from above please explain in the comments box

Input actual value of unreleased funds agreed locally

This section also requires indication of the area of spend that unreleased funds have been spent on for Q4 and Q1 using a drop-down list. If no funds were left unreleased then 'Not Applicable' should be selected.

5) Income and Expenditure

This tracks income into, and expenditure from, pooled budgets over the course of the year. This requires provision of the following information:

Planned and forecast income into the pooled fund for each quarter of the 2015-16 financial year

Confirmation of actual income into the pooled fund in Q1

Planned and forecast expenditure from the pooled fund for each quarter of the 2015-16 financial year

Confirmation of actual expenditure into the pooled fund in Q1

Figures should reflect the position by the end of each quarter. It is expected that planned income and planned expenditure figures for Q4 2015-16 should equal the total pooled budget for the Health and Wellbeing Board.

There is also an opportunity to provide a commentary on progress which should include reference to any deviation from plan.

6) Local metrics

This tab tracks performance against the locally set metric and locally defined patient experience metric submitted in approved BCF plans. In both cases the metric is set out as defined in the approved plan for the HWB and **the following information is required for each metric:**

Confirmation that this is the same metric that you wish to continue tracking locally

Confirmation of planned performance for each quarter of 2015-16 (against the metric being tracked locally - whether the same as within your plan or not)

Confirmation of actual performance for Q1 2015-16 (against the metric being tracked locally - whether the same as within your plan or not)

Commentary on progress against the metric and details of any changes to the metric including reference to reasons for changing

7) Understanding Support Needs

This asks what the key barrier to integration is locally and what support might be required in delivering the six key aspects of integration set out previously. This section builds upon the information collected through the BCF Readiness Survey in March 2015. HWBs are asked to:

Confirm which aspect of integration they consider the biggest barrier or challenge to delivering their BCF plan

Confirm against each of the six themes whether they would welcome any support and if so what form they would prefer support to take

There is also an opportunity to provide comments and detail any other support needs you may have which the Better Care Support Team may be able to help with.

8) Narrative

In this section HWBs are asked to provide a brief narrative on overall progress in delivering their Better Care Fund plans at the current point in time with reference to the information provided within this return.