



Progress in delivering local BCF plans

Summary of BCF quarterly reporting returns and key metrics for Q4 2014-15

The Midlands and the East of England

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Key Findings

- 83% of HWBs have secured a signed Section 75 agreement.
- 94% of housing authorities have received their DFG allowance.
- 91% of HWBs reported that Social Care Services (not spending) are being protected. There were three exceptions; Norfolk, Staffordshire and Suffolk.
- 57% of HWBs reported that the NHS number being used as the primary identifier for health and care services.
- 83% of HWBs reported that they are pursuing open APIs (i.e. systems which speak to one another).
- A total of 23 HWBs in the Midlands and East achieved a performance payment from Q4 of 2014-15.
- The total value of P4P payments in the Midlands and East for this period is **£8,140,047**

Pooled budgets

Have funds been pooled via a Section 75 pooled budget arrangement in line with the agreed plan?

- 29/35 HWBs responded 'Yes' (83%)
- 6/35 HWBs responded 'No' (17%)

All but 2 HWBs (Bedford & Central Bedfordshire) in the Midlands and East of England expect to have this in place by mid June 2015.

Analysis of the narrative provided by the 6 HWBs who answered 'No' suggests there are some areas where further information may be helpful:

- 3 HWBs – Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, and Norfolk - have indicated that the delay is due to financial difficulties of the CCG, and
- The remaining 3 HWBs have provided no explanation for not having yet signed their Section 75 agreement.
- All these may warrant further investigation to understand if support is needed.



■ No explanation ■ Financial pressure

Pooled budgets

The below table details information provided on why HWBs have not yet signed their section 75 agreement, and the date they plan to have this in place.

HWBs that responded 'No'	Expect to Complete By	What they said within their narrative about S.75
Bedford	31/07/2015	The Bedfordshire CCG is now in 'special measures' due to its financial position, this has impacted on the ability to agree and sign off the s75 agreement. Work is ongoing to develop an agreement that is acceptable to both BCCG and BBC. Progress was made at a meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June and a further meeting to work towards final agreement is being scheduled for the week beginning 8th June.
Central Bedfordshire	31/07/2015	Prevailing and challenging issues of leadership, finance pressures, capacity and engagement within our local health and care system. Key partner in the BCF plan, Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, is facing important financial and organisational challenges. This includes a change in leadership and rapid turnover of personnel who have been involved in the BCF. The CCG's current focus is on its financial recovery which naturally has implications for wider joint investments in transformation....Due to the limitations outlined, capacity to fully deliver the BCF plan may be at risk, however joint working to explore all options available to us is underway.
Norfolk	12/06/2015	Better Care Fund programme delivery is progressing as agreed. The local integration boards are established and are managing programme delivery... the health system in Norfolk has been under considerable pressure over recent months, CCG's are experiencing financial challenge and working closely with NHS England to ensure plans to address this are robust and assured, one of the acute hospitals and the mental health trust in special measures. An impact on the BCF has been a delay in signing two of the s75 agreements but there is assurance these will be signed by 12th June on the basis of testing the impact of urgent care initiatives on the modelling of metrics.
Solihull	10/06/2015	No explanation provided within the narrative section.
Thurrock	01/04/2015	No explanation provided within the narrative section.
Warwickshire	15/06/2015	No explanation provided within the narrative section.

Disabled Facilities Grant

Has the housing authority received its DFG allowance?

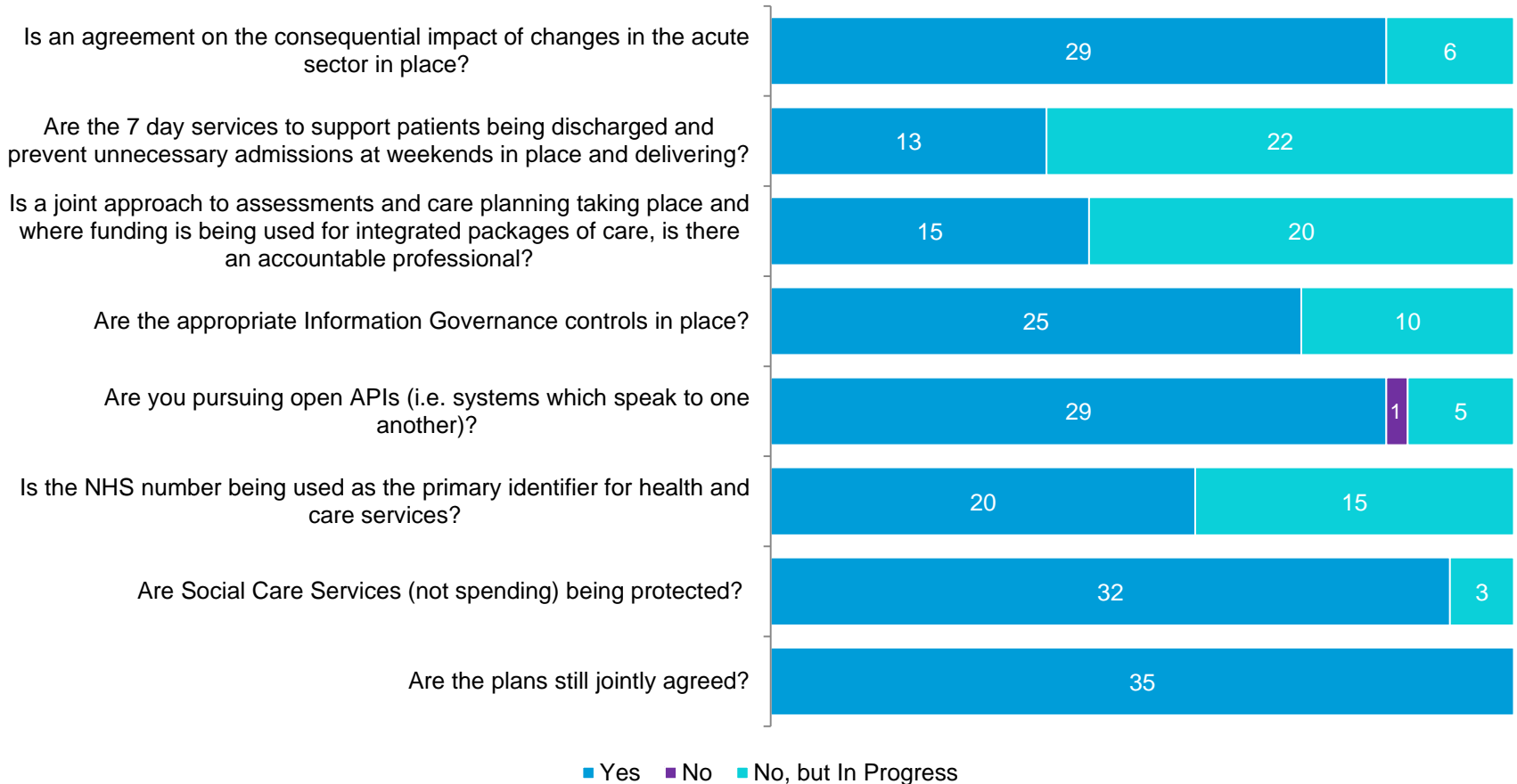
- 33/35 HWBs responded 'Yes' (94%)
- 2/35 HWBs responded 'No' (6%)

The 2 HWBs who responded know plan to have this completed by the end of June 2015, but have provided no explanation for the delay.

HWBs that responded 'No'	Expect to Complete By
Norfolk	30/06/2015
Warwickshire	15/06/2015

The national conditions

There is a mixed picture of performance against the national conditions in the Midlands and East of England, with 7 day services, joint assessments and using the NHS number being the conditions that appear to be taking longer to deliver.



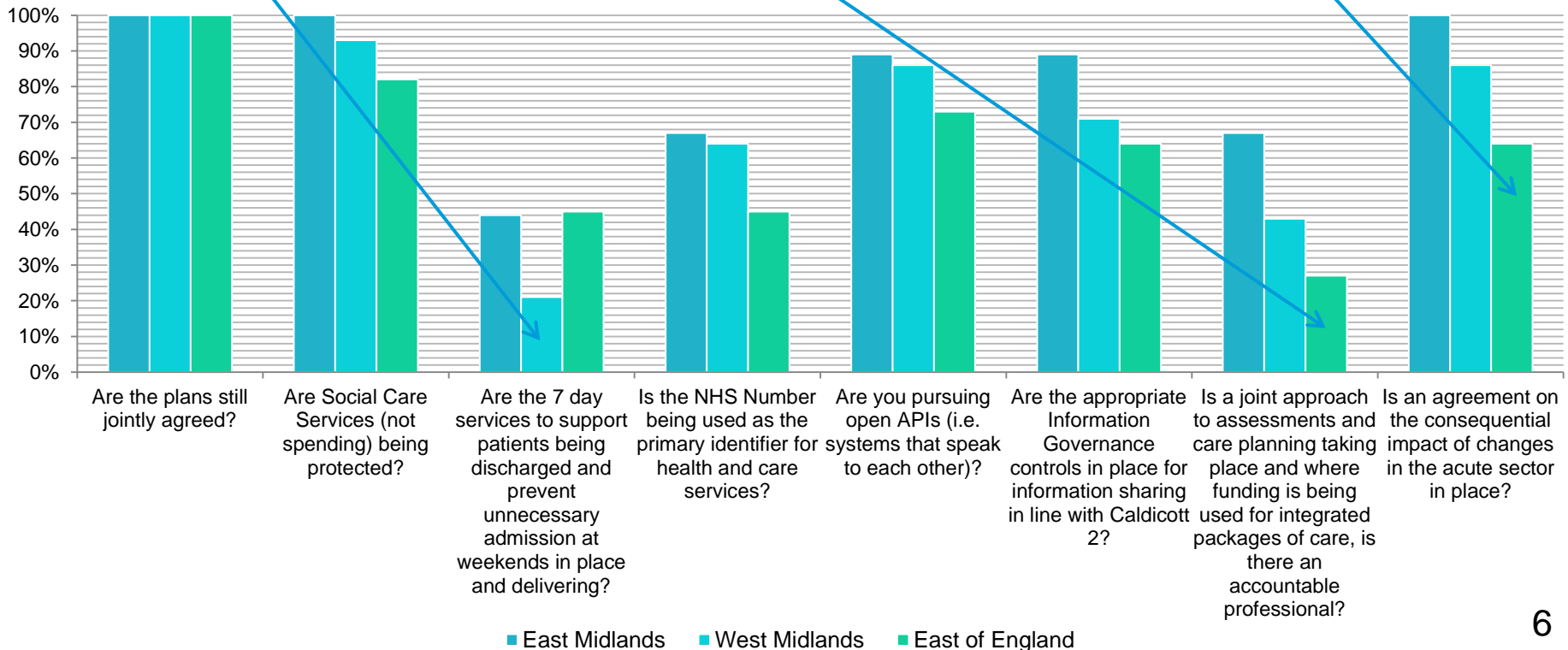
The national conditions – by GOR

There is some interesting variation between areas across the Midlands and East when looking at the % of HWBs who said 'Yes' to questions on the national conditions...

Only 21% of HWBs in the West Midlands are currently meeting the 7 days service condition, compared to 44% in East Midlands and 45% in East of England

Only 27% of HWBs in the East of England are currently meeting the national condition for assessments, compared to 67% in the East Midlands and 43% in West Midlands

Only 64% HWBs in East of England feel there is agreement about the impact of BCF plans on the acute sector compared to 100% in the East Midlands and 86% in West Midlands



The national conditions – further analysis

Is social care protected?

3 HWBs suggested they were still in the process of protecting social care. Responses suggest there is still on-going commitment to meeting the condition but that the scale of challenge requires further work

HWBs that responded 'No'	Comments provided
Norfolk	S75 agreements in place with WN, GY&W and Norwich CCGs. North & South Norfolk CCGs have committed to the HWB to sign S75 agreements. (mid June).
Staffordshire	The Staffordshire BCF Plan submission outlined an approach for the Protection of Adult Social Care. All partners will be working together to further develop and deliver detailed plans for this National Condition, with the Partnership Board and Health and Wellbeing Board holding partners to account on delivering these plans.
Suffolk	There are agreed plans which will protect services, although progress in achieving the amounts identified has lagged behind original anticipated timelines.

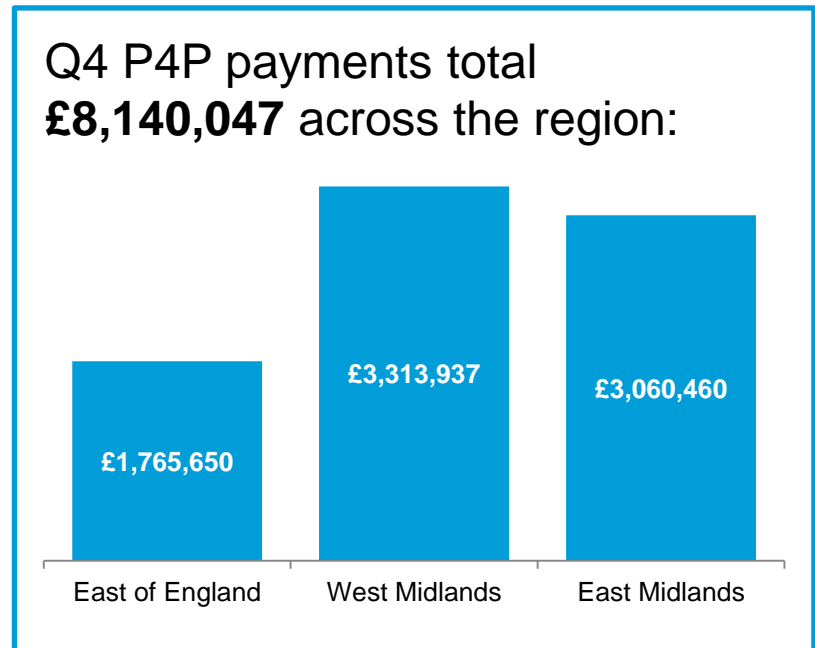
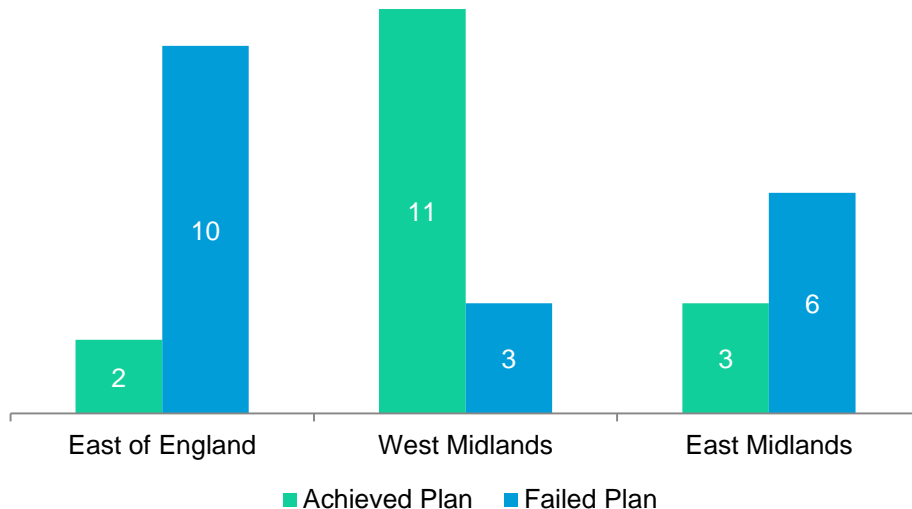
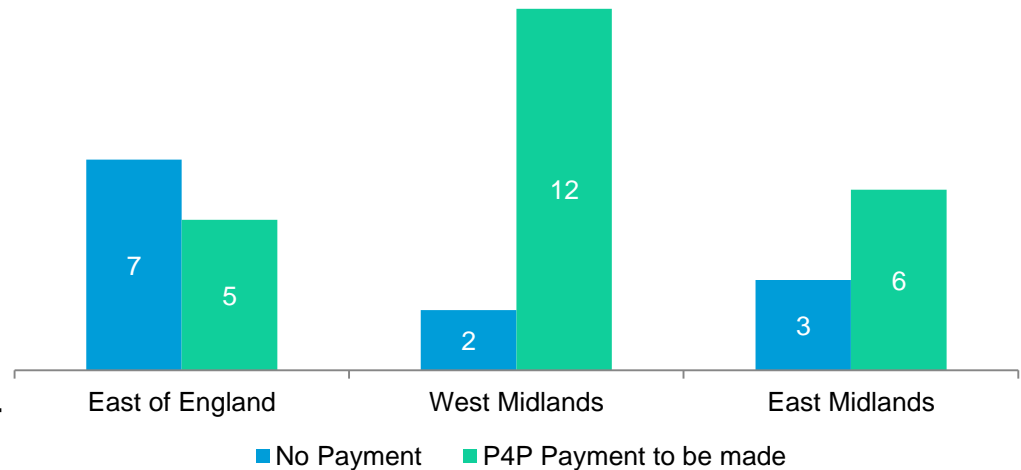
Other responses of note

One Health and Wellbeing Board – Leicester - indicated they are not meeting the requirement to pursue open APIs, and have no plan to do so. From their comments they are planning to pursue this as part of the next stage of their integration plans and are already talking to potential providers:

"The partnership is open to and supportive of the use of open APIs and, when procuring software, favours systems with this capability. LCC has no actual direct integration project underway between the Council's main Social Care case management system with health systems or feeds. This is only anticipated at the next stage of maturity of health and social care integration. Currently focussed on bringing copies of verified NHS numbers into the LCC system and accessing NHS systems and data via secure N3 connections. In preparation for phase two the CCG and LA have had a number of joint presentations from providers of middleware solutions which would offer the potential to allow data to be viewed across systems - e.g. ""EPR Core"" from SystemOne."

P4P Summary

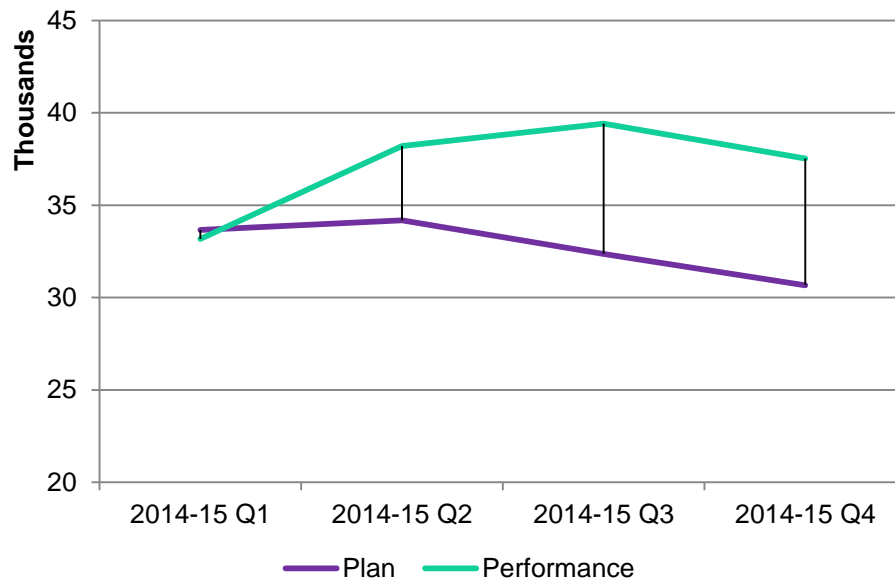
- A total of 23 HWBs in the North achieved a performance payment from Q4 of 2014-15
- The West Midlands had a significantly higher achievement rate than other areas
- Only 16 HWBs achieved their Non-Elective plan in Q4
- Only 2 HWBs in the East of England achieved their plan in Q4



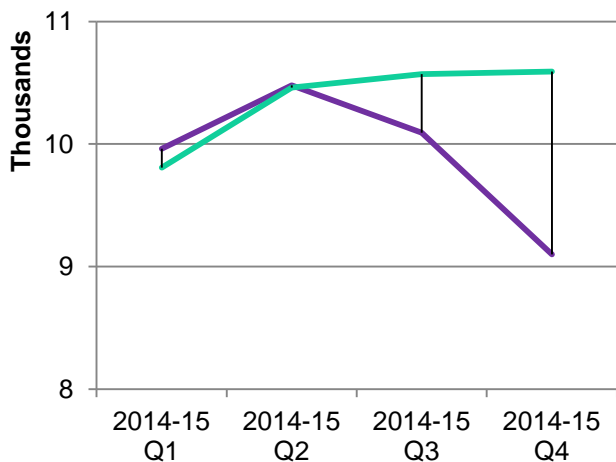
Delayed Transfers of Care

- Performance is significantly above plan across the regions
- DTOC rates are higher than planned across the board but with the greatest variance from plan in the West Midlands with 4,600 more delayed transfers than planned in BCF plans
- The East of England has achieved reduction of 1,800 delayed transfers from Q3 to Q4 of 14-15

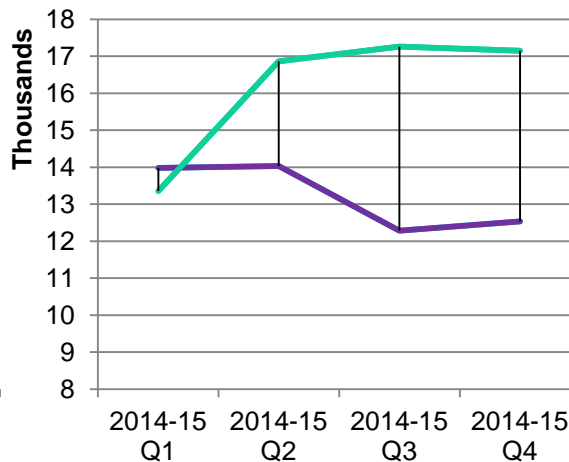
DTOCs - Midlands and East



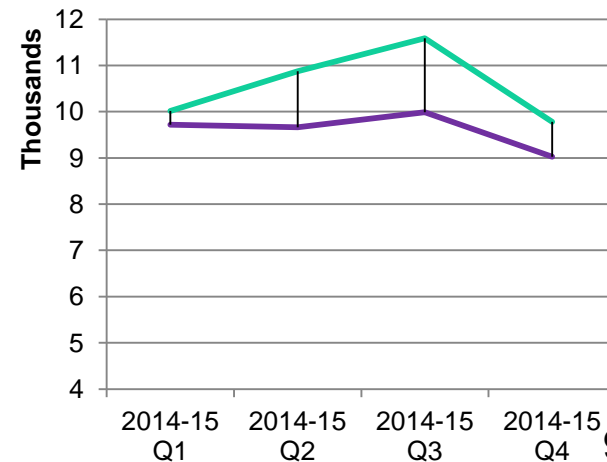
DTOCs - East Midlands



DTOCs - West Midlands



DTOCs - East of England



Suggested lines of enquiry

The data provided by local areas through the first BCF quarterly return suggests a number of areas that require follow up in order to understand whether they are indicators of material problems with BCF delivery. This information is a snapshot but provides an indication of localities who may require further support. Regional BCF leads are asked to consider the following questions after reviewing this pack.

Overview

- Does the information provided indicate any localities that require significant support - and if so are they getting that support or is this something we can work together to broker?

Signing Section 75s

- Have the 6 areas who had not signed when returns were submitted on 29 May now signed?
- Are the 3 Health and Wellbeing Boards which cited financial pressures as the driver for failing to finalise their Section 75 agreement planning reduce their contributions to the pooled fund?
- What is driving the lack of agreement in the other 3 areas where no information has been provided?

Transferring the Disabled Facilities Grant

- What is preventing the 2 HWBs who have not done this from doing so?

National Conditions

- Are there any wider problems in the 3 localities who do not yet feel that they are meeting the requirement to protect social care services through delivery of their BCF plan?
- What is driving the differences in the % of areas meeting specific conditions, as outlined on slide 6?
- What support might help the high proportion of local areas who are yet to fully meet the conditions for: 7 day services, joint assessments and care planning, and use of the NHS number?

Metrics and P4P

- Are these showing us what we expected to see at this point?



Appendix 1

The national picture

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Performance so far against national conditions



National conditions – further analysis

Section 75 issues

- 38 areas saying not currently signed
- All but one area have confirmed will be in place by 31 July (remaining area by end of August).
- Delays seem to be largely caused by ongoing uncertainty over CCG activity plans
- Will be following up through regional teams in order to ensure the revised timescales are adhered to.

Protecting social care

- 8 areas not meeting this condition
- Down to section 75's or risk shares not being in place (Medway, Norfolk, Northumberland) or still finalising details of money/savings needed (Blackburn with Darwen, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Wakefield); North Tyneside saying this is due to CCG financial problems.

What next?

- BCST regional leads to consider qualitative commentary provided across each area to give a feel for areas where issues/complications with delivering conditions is becoming apparent
- Once reviewed data packs will be sent out to regional teams with requests for further information/clarification where needed.

Performance metrics Q4 2014-15

Non elective admissions

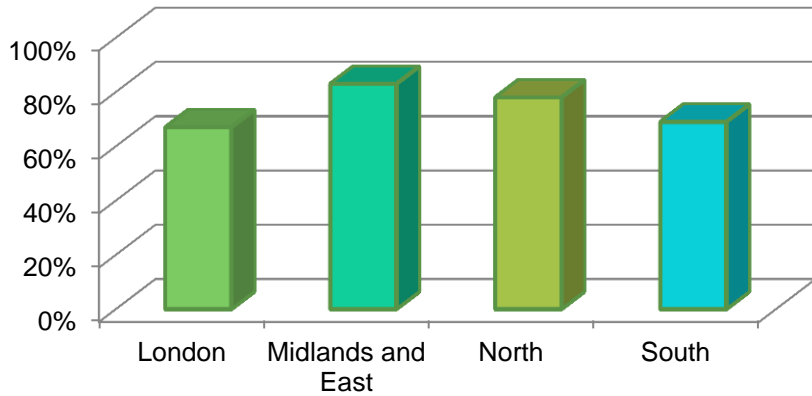
- Important to note that the activity reductions increase quarter by quarter; planned Q4 NEL reduction = 38,180 (20% of full year)
- Total P4P pot available for Q4 = c.£56m; **Actual P4P achieved = c.£20m**
- 59 HWBs (39%) receiving P4P, of which 36 achieving maximum available
- 91 HWBs (61%) not receiving any P4P (but 20 systems not planning for reduction in Q4 so did not expect a payment)

Delayed transfers of care

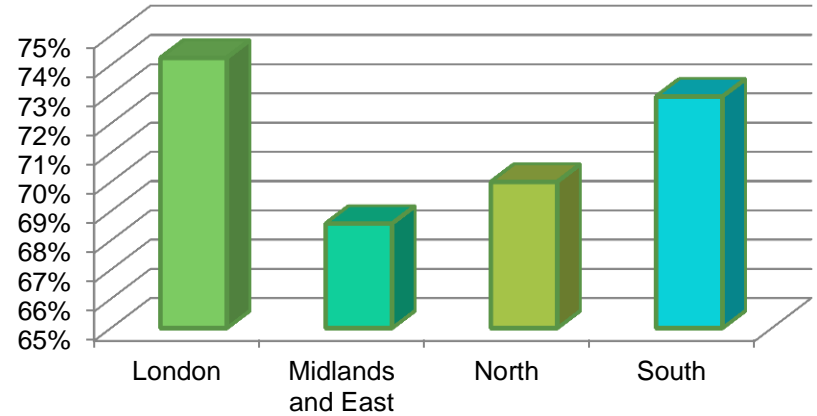
- Nationally there has been 18% increase in the number of delayed days between Q4 13/14 and Q4 14/15.
- 54 out of the 150 areas saw some positive movement in reducing delayed transfers of care, and of these 49 performed better than they had planned.

Regional variations?

% Section 75 agreements in place



% compliance with all national conditions



P4P payment as % of pot available

