

<b>Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delays in transfer of care remains a challenge and a national imperative. Extended lengths of stay in hospital has a significant impact on outcomes for individuals and their continuing levels of independence, particularly in relation to frail older people. To date the overall performance against the 2015/16 BCF target is green however, seasonal variation can affect this metric.</li> <li>An operational SRG sub group has been established to self-assess Bedfordshire against current 7 day services and ECIST 8 high impact interventions to address DTCs across the health and social care system, in relation to demand, capacity and quality. This will inform the plan for future provision with the aim of developing 7 day services across Bedfordshire to meet the needs of the population and to ensure that work is undertaken jointly across organisations.</li> </ul>		
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>To have whole system sign up to robust integrated systems and processes as follows to support effective and early discharge planning:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems to Monitor Patient Flow</li> <li>Multi-Disciplinary/Multi-Agency Discharge Teams, including the voluntary and community sector</li> <li>Home First/Discharge to Assess</li> <li>Seven -Day Services</li> <li>Trusted Assessors</li> <li>Focus On choice</li> <li>Enhancing Health in Care Homes</li> </ul>		
<b>Scope</b>	Within Scope	Development of improved pathways across Bedfordshire with the two main acute providers, BHT, L&D, ELFT and SEPT	
	Outside Scope	Other acute providers outside of BHT and L&D	
<b>Constraints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisational governance boundaries</li> <li>BAU Workload</li> </ul>		
<b>Assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholder support and engagement</li> </ul>		
<b>Risks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delay in agreement and sign off of the localised DTC Policy</li> <li>Delay in agreement and sign off to recognised priority areas of work</li> </ul>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft policy produced and system partners aligned to sign up to the policy.</li> <li>DTC and 7 day services SRG with clear focus on improving self assessment as per ECIP recommendations</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish direct links with DTC programmes in neighbouring systems and incorporate into local policy and plan – May 2016</li> <li>Joint Commitment and DTC Policy signed off – September 2016</li> <li>Increased discharges from hospital at weekends to be 80% of those during the week – March 2017</li> <li>Increased discharges from community settings at weekends – March 2017</li> <li>Increased discharges from hospital settings before 1pm to be at 35% of whole daily discharge numbers – March 2017</li> <li>Agree localised stretch target of not less than 2% - May 2016</li> <li>Better integration of patient centred urgent care services through integrated and interoperable pathways of care regardless of organisational boundaries – September 2016</li> </ul>		
<b>National Conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local action to reduce DTCs</li> <li>7 day services and effective discharges</li> <li>Joint assessment and care planning</li> <li>Protecting Social Care Services</li> </ul>	<b>National Metrics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delayed Transfers of Care.</li> </ul>	