
Better Care Fund Plan 2023-24 Q3 Report

Report being considered by:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report Sponsor:	Councillor Alan Macro, Chair of HWB
Item for:	Information



1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is for the Board to note the Q3 Better Care Fund (BCF) Report. The report was submitted to NHS England on 9th January 2024 with the necessary sign off from the Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman.

2. Recommendation(s)

To note the Better Care Fund Plan 2023-2024 Q3 report.

3. Executive Summary

3.1 The Better Care Fund Policy Framework for 2023-25 provides continuity from the previous rounds of the programme and is a two-year plan.

3.2 The Policy Framework requires quarterly reports to be submitted, using a template to report on the performance against the five national metrics.

3.3 The five national metrics are:

1. Avoidable admissions - indirectly standardised rate of admissions per 100,000 population
2. Falls – Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over directly age standardised rate per 100,000. (This metric is new for 2023-25)
3. Discharge to usual place of residence – percentage of people, resident in HWB, who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of resident.
4. Residential Admissions – long-term support needs of older people (age 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population.
5. Reablement – proportion of older people (65 and over) who are still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation service.

3.4 We are currently on track to meet four of the five BCF Metrics.

3.5 We are not on track to meet the target for residential admissions. We are continuing to monitor this closely and working in partnership with the Acute Trusts in enforcing the home first approach and reducing the number of patients being discharged on pathway 3.

3.6 The S75 agreement is in the process of being signed and sealed with the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System.

4. Supporting Information

The formal governance for the Better Care Fund Plan sits within the Locality Integration Board, a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5. Options Considered

None – the report is for information only.

6. Proposal(s)

For the Health and Wellbeing Board to note the report.

7. Conclusion(s)

The quarterly report must be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman.

8. Consultation and Engagement

Councillor Alan Macro, Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman, and the Locality Integration Board.

9. Appendices

Appendix A – Q3 report

Background Papers:

[Better Care Fund Plan 2023-25](#)

Health and Wellbeing Priorities Supported:

The proposals will support the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities:

- Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people
- Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives
- Help families and young children in early years
- Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
- Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults

The proposals contained in this report will support the above Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities by driving health and social care integration, using pooled budgets.
