
Better Care Fund Plan 2022-23

Report being considered by:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Item for:	Decision



1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to gain formal sign-off for West Berkshire's Better Care Fund Plan 2022-23, which consists of three parts: narrative plan, planning template and a new demand and capacity template.

2. Recommendation(s)

To approve the Better Care Fund Plan for 2022-23.

3. Executive Summary

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national vehicle for driving health and social care integration, using pooled budgets. The Better Care Fund policy framework requires that the plan is jointly agreed with local health and social care commissioners, and that it is signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Board is asked to approve the Better Care Fund Plan for 2022-23.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national vehicle for driving health and social care integration, using pooled budgets.
- 4.2 The Better Care Fund Policy Framework for 2022-2023 provides continuity from the previous rounds of the programme.
- 4.3 The Policy Framework was published in late July 2022.
- 4.4 The Policy Framework sets out four national conditions:
 - (1) A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
 - (2) NHS contribution to Adult Social Care to be maintained in line with the uplift to CCG minimum contribution.
 - (3) Invest in NHS commissioned out of hospital services.
 - (4) Plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital.
- 4.5 The Policy Framework also sets out four national metrics:

- (1) Effectiveness of reablement (proportion of older people still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement or rehabilitation).
- (2) Older Adults whose long term care needs are met by admission to residential or nursing care per 100,000 population.
- (3) Avoidable admissions (indirectly standardised rate of admissions per 100,000 population).
- (4) Percentage of people, resident in the HWB, who are discharged from hospital to their normal place of residence.

5. Options Considered

The Board could decide not to approve the Better Care Fund Plan and request amendments. However, this would result in delays to funding.

6. Proposal(s)

To approve the Better Care Fund Plan as presented.

7. Conclusion(s)

The Better Care Fund policy framework requires that the plan is jointly agreed with local health and social care commissioners and that it is signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

8. Consultation and Engagement

The Plan has been shared with the following:

- Councillor Graham Bridgman, Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman
- Dr James Kent, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire Integrated Care System (BOB ICS) Accountable Lead
- Nigel Lynn, Chief Executive
- Andy Sharp, Executive Director - People
- Belinda Seston, BOB Integrated Care Board Interim Place Based Director
- Paul Coe, Service Director - Adult Social Care
- Jo Stewart, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care
- Royal Berkshire Healthcare Trust (Royal Berkshire Hospital)
- Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (BHFT – Community Hospital)
- Members of the Locality Integration Board.

9. Appendices

Appendix A – West Berkshire's BCF Narrative Plan

Appendix B – West Berkshire's BCF planning template

Appendix C – West Berkshire's Demand and Capacity Template

Background Papers:

[2022 to 2023 Better Care Fund Policy Framework](#)

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.
