
Better Care Fund Plan 2023-24 Q2 Report

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



1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is for the Board to note the Q2 Better Care Fund (BCF) Report. The report was submitted to NHS England at the end of October 2023 with the necessary sign off from the Chairman of the HWB.

2. Recommendation(s)

To note the Better Care Fund Plan 2023-2024 Q2 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 template also requires a review of the demand and capacity plans for Hospital Discharge and Community as set out in the 2023-25 plan.
- 3.4 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.

- 3.5 We are currently on track to meet all our targets set out in the 2023-24 Plan against these five metrics.
- 3.6 Our Demand and Capacity plans for Hospital Discharge have been refreshed. Our Demand numbers have changed following our 2023-25 plan submission. We have taken the average actuals for April – September 2023 and applied a 10% increase for December 2023 – March 2024.
- 3.7 We have a vibrant domiciliary care market and have increased the number of commissioned contract beds. However, we are concerned about the number of clients coming into Adult Social Care from the hospital route on pathway 3 – admission into a residential/nursing home. This has been discussed with the Acute Hospital (RBH) and the Community Hospital and both have been asked to re-emphasise the home first approach.
- 3.8 Our Demand and Capacity Plans for Community (Admission Avoidance) have not changed. This data is provided by partners at Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (BHFT) and revised data for August and September only suggest that there is not enough capacity in the system to meet demand. However, further analysis of this data needs to be completed before we change our plans.

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.

6. Proposal(s)

n/a

7. Conclusion(s)

The quarter report must be signed off by the Chair of HWB.

8. Consultation and Engagement

Alan Macro, Health and Wellbeing Board Chair and Locality Integration Board.

9. Appendices

Appendix A – Q2 Report

Background Papers:

None

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.
