
Better Care Fund 2024-2025 Refresh Plan

Report being considered by:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report Sponsor:	Councillor Heather Codling
Item for:	Information



1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Board to note the 2024-2025 Refresh Plan. The refresh was submitted to NHS England on 10th June 2024 with the necessary sign off from the Chairman of the HWB and agreement from the Integrated Care Board.
- 1.2 We have received notification from the BCF National Team that our plan has been recommended for approval. NHS England have not yet issued formal approval, as soon as we receive this, we must get the S75 agreement signed, this should be in place by the end of September 2024.

2. Recommendation(s)

To note the Better Care Fund 2024-25 refresh plan.

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 Better Care Fund is a pooled budget across Health and Social Care and sits within a Section 75 Agreement with the Integrated Care Board.
- 3.3 The Policy Framework requires systems to have a jointly agreed plan across Health and Social Care which demonstrates how it meets the two objectives: 1) enabling people to stay well, safe, and independent at home for longer and 2) providing the right care at the right time in the right place.
- 3.4 The Policy Framework requires quarterly reports to be submitted, using a template to report on the performance against the five national metrics, four for 2024-25.
- 3.5 The four national metrics for 2024-25 are (the reablement metric has been removed for 2024/25):
 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.

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)

To note the Better Care Fund 2024-25 refresh plan.

7. Conclusion(s)

The 2024-25 Refresh plan must be signed off by the Chair of HWB and agreed by the Integrated Care Board.

8. Consultation and Engagement

Councillor Heather Codling (Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman), Integrated Care Board, and Locality Integration Board.

9. Appendices

Appendix A – 2023-24 End of Year Template

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.
