Better Care Fund Plan 2024-2025 Q1 Report

Report being considered by:		West Berkshire Health & Wellbeing Board
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Report Sponsor:	Councillor Heather Codling, Chairman of HWB	
Item for:	Information	

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is for the Board to note the Q1 Better Care Fund (BCF) Report. The report was submitted to NHS England on 28th August 2024 with the necessary sign off from the Chairman of the HWB.

2. Recommendation(s)

To note the Better Care Fund Plan 2024-2025 Q1 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 provided by NHS England.
- 3.3 The Q1 template only required us to report on Hospital Discharge activity and spend.
- 3.4 The Discharge fund is split into two funds: Local Authority Discharge Funding and ICB Discharge Funding, both of which support with Hospital Discharge.
- 3.5 The total funding available through the BCF to support with Hospital Discharge is £1,554,319. In Q1 our spend was £435,161.

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)**

That the Board should note the report.

7. Conclusion(s)

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

8. Consultation and Engagement

8.1 Councillor Heather Codling, Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman, Locality Integration Board and the Integrated Care System.

9. Appendices

Appendix A – Q1 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