
Better Care Fund Plan 2024-2025 Q2 Report

Report being considered by:	Health and 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 Q2 Better Care Fund (BCF) Report. The report was submitted to NHS England on 31st October 2024 with the necessary sign off from the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Recommendation(s)

To note the Better Care Fund Plan 2024-2025 Q2 report.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Better Care Fund Policy Framework for 2023-2025 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 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.
- 3.5 We are currently on track to meet 2, 3 and 4 above. However, we are not on track to meet avoidable admissions.

- 3.6 As a system the Berkshire West Urgent Emergency Care (UEC) Board has prioritised several programmes of work with particular focus on establishing admission avoidance ahead of winter.
- 3.7 These programmes include same day urgent access, single point of access, discharge guidance and protocol of choice and Virtual Wards.
- 3.8 Our Demand and Capacity plans for Hospital Discharge have been refreshed. Gaps in Urgent Community Response has been escalated to the BOB ICS and the UEC monies being used to provide medical provision over weekends has been repurposed to cover the gap for the remainder of the financial year.
- 3.9 Berkshire West has requested some support from the National Team to look at good practice on data collection for demand and capacity plans to ensure we have robust mechanisms in place and that we all have a shared understanding of the data.

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

8. Consultation and Engagement

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

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
