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# Better Care Fund Plan 2024-25 Q3 Report

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<b>Report being considered by:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>On:</b>	6 March 2025
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<b>Report Sponsor:</b>	Heather Codling, Chairman of HWB
<b>Item for:</b>	Information

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## 1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is for the Board to note the Q3 Better Care Fund (BCF) Report. The report was submitted to NHS England on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 with the necessary sign off from the Chairman of the HWB.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

For the Board to be informed of the Better Care Fund Plan 2024-2025 Q3 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 four 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.
- 3.4 We are currently on track to meet three of the four BCF Metrics.
- 3.5 We are not on track to meet unplanned avoidable admissions to hospital. As a system Berkshire West has invested and prioritised several programmes of work in 2024-25 to maximise impact and system resilience all year round. One of these programmes is same day urgent access – a GP is co-located on the acute site to triage directly from the Emergency Department. Early data indicates that 30-40

patients are being diverted daily. The NHS has seen a huge increase in cases of Flu this winter.

- 3.6 The S75 agreement is still awaiting sign-off by the BOB ICS and should be resolved shortly. This has been escalated to NHS England as we are currently in breach of the BCF Policy.

#### 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 Plan 2024-2025 Q3 report.

#### 7. Conclusion(s)

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

#### 8. Consultation and Engagement

Councillor Heather Codling, Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman and Locality Integration Board.

#### 9. Appendices

Appendix A – Q3 report

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#### Background Papers:

None

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#### 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.

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