Better Care Fund 2026-27 Numerical Template

6: National Condition Planning Requirements

Health and wellbeing board: West Berkshire

National Condition	Planning requirement	Assurance statement	Yes/No to assurance statement	Where the planning requirement or assurance statement is not met, please note the actions in place towards meeting the requirement	Timeframe for resolution	Complete:
National Condition 1: effectively support the delivery of integrated and preventative care ICBs and local authorities must develop joint plans, agreed by health and wellbeing boards, outlining how ICBs and local authorities intend to use BCF funding to deliver more integrated and preventative care, linked to the relevant areas of neighbourhood health and social care services.	ICBs and local authorities must have considered how to use the BCF most effectively to support the delivery of more integrated and preventative services, particularly supporting those with more complex health and social care needs. This must include setting out how the funding will be used to develop the quality, efficiency and outcomes from intermediate care.	Named ICB and local authority chief executives and named HWB chair must confirm that BCF expenditure is agreed and aligned with wider strategic objectives for neighbourhood health and social care.	Yes			Yes
	ICBs and local authorities must set out plans that: - show reasonable progress in the metrics of non-elective admissions (for people aged 65 and over) and delayed discharges - show how they will monitor and drive progress in preventing avoidable long-term care home admissions and improving outcomes from reablement - include the specific contribution of BCF-funded services.					
	ICBs and local authorities must demonstrate that their plans for the use of the BCF represent value for money and improve overall productivity					
National Condition 2: comply with expenditure and grant conditions ICBs and local authorities must comply with all national grant and funding conditions and deliver in accordance with their approved return. ICBs must maintain the NHS minimum contribution to adult social care and pool NHS BCF contributions into a section 75 (of the NHS Act 2006) pooled fund.	ICBs and local authorities must pool their designated minimum contribution (in the case of ICB partners) and the Local Authority Better Care Grant and DFG (in the case of local authority partners). ICBs and local authorities are able to voluntarily pool additional funding through the BCF where they consider this is likely to lead to an improvement in the services being funded.					
	The NHS minimum contribution to adult social care must be met and maintained by the ICB in line with the published BCF allocations. This represents an increase of 4.4% in each health and wellbeing board area.	ICBs and local authorities confirm compliance with BCF national grant and funding conditions, and that they will deliver in accordance with approved spend and BCF numerical return, including maintaining the NHS minimum contribution to adult social care.	Yes			Yes
	Local authorities must comply with the grant conditions of the Local Authority Better Care Grant and the DFG, including the pooling of funding.	ICBs and local authorities confirm they will pool funds through Section 75 agreements by 30th September 2026.	Yes			Yes
National Condition 3: - effective governance, reporting and engagement ICBs and local authorities must comply and engage with BCF planning, governance and reporting requirements including adherence to any assurance and oversight processes.	ICBs and local authorities must have effective joint governance is in place to ensure local accountability for delivery of outcomes, including reviewing performance against plan objectives and local goals, and taking action if necessary to bring delivery back on track.					
	ICBs, local authorities and health and wellbeing boards are required to engage with BCF reporting, oversight and support processes	ICBs and local authorities confirm full compliance with BCF planning and reporting requirements and will adhere to the BCF oversight and support processes.	Yes			Yes