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Has this report been signed off by (or on behalf of) the HWB Chair at the time of submission?	Yes
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Checklist

Complete:
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

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	Complete:
2. Cover	Yes
3. National Conditions	Yes
4. Metrics	Yes
5. Expenditure	Yes

For further guidance on requirements please refer back to guidance sheet - tab 1.

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3. National Conditions

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Confirmation of Nation Conditions			Checklist Complete:
National Condition	**Confirmation**	**If the answer is "No" please provide an explanation as to why the condition was not met in the quarter and mitigating actions underway to support compliance with the condition:**	
1) Plans to be jointly agreed	Yes		Yes
2) Implementing the objectives of the BCF	Yes		Yes
3) Complying with grant and funding conditions, including maintaining the NHS minimum contribution to adult social care (ASC) and Section 75 in place	Yes		Yes
4) Complying with oversight and support processes	Yes		Yes

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4. Metrics for 2025-26

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For metrics time series and more details: BCF dashboard link

For metrics handbook and reporting schedule: BCF 25/26 Metrics Handbook

4.1 Emergency admissions

Plan

		Apr 25 Plan	May 25 Plan	Jun 25 Plan	Jul 25 Plan	Aug 25 Plan	Sep 25 Plan	Oct 25 Plan	Nov 25 Plan	Dec 25 Plan	Jan 26 Plan	Feb 26 Plan	Mar 26 Plan
Emergency admissions to hospital for people aged 65+ per 100,000 population	Rate	1,325.9	1,311.0	1,087.6	1,296.1	1,102.5	1,162.1	1,281.2	1,245.5	1,263.4	1,266.4	1,266.4	1,269.3
	Number of Admissions 65+	445	440	365	435	370	390	430	418	424	425	425	426
	Population of 65+	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0	33,561.0

Assessment of whether goal has been met in Q3:	Not on track to meet goal
You may use this box to provide a very brief explanation of overall progress if you wish.	The table above is showing a plan of 418 for November 2025 - this should be 410 as per our BCF plan submission. We have not met our goal for Q3 : Actual for October was 432 against a plan of 430, Actual for November was 416 against a plan of 410 in BCF plan (418 above). Data for December was not available at time of submission.

4.2 Discharge Delays

Original Plan	Apr 25 Plan	May 25 Plan	Jun 25 Plan	Jul 25 Plan	Aug 25 Plan	Sep 25 Plan	Oct 25 Plan	Nov 25 Plan	Dec 25 Plan	Jan 26 Plan	Feb 26 Plan	Mar 26 Plan
Average length of discharge delay for all acute adult patients (this calculates the % of patients discharged after their DRD, multiplied by the average number of days)	0.37	0.44	0.40	0.54	0.46	0.56	0.57	0.47	0.69	0.57	0.43	0.35
Proportion of adult patients discharged from acute hospitals on their discharge ready date	89.2%	86.8%	87.4%	86.6%	87.8%	85.9%	85.0%	84.9%	85.6%	85.3%	89.0%	90.0%
For those adult patients not discharged on DRD, average number of days from DRD to discharge	3.40	3.30	3.20	4.00	3.80	4.00	3.80	3.10	4.80	3.90	3.90	3.50

Assessment of whether goal has been met in Q3:	Not on track to meet goal
You may use this box to provide a very brief explanation of overall progress if you wish.	A winter plan is in place with Acute and community hospitals in Berkshire West which is part of our winter resilience. We are seeing good performance against this plan and winter resilience meetings provide awareness of flow and obstacles. However all pathways are above threshold for LOW especially PW3. In October LOW for West Berkshire for PW1 was 3.8 in October and 3.9 inNovember, West Berkshire is out performing the other areas in Berkshire West.

4.3 Residential Admissions

Actuals + Original Plan		2023-24 Full Year Actual	2024-25 Full Year CLD Actual	2025-26 Plan Q1 (April 25-June 25)	2025-26 Plan Q3 (July 25-Sept 25)	2025-26 Plan Q3 (Oct 25-Dec 25)	2025-26 Plan Q4 (Jan 26-Mar 26)
Long-term support needs of older people (age 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population	Rate	648.3	566.1	149.0	149.0	149.0	149.0
	Number of admissions	213.0	190.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
	Population of 65+*	33561.0	33561.0	33561.0	33561.0	33561.0	33561.0

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5. Income & Expenditure

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	2025-26		
Source of Funding	Planned Income	Updated Total Plan Income for 25-26	DFG Q3 Year-to-Date Actual Expenditure
DFG	£2,562,585	£2,562,585	£2,287,629
Minimum NHS Contribution	£14,064,255	£14,064,255	
Local Authority Better Care Grant	£994,949	£994,949	
Additional LA Contribution	£0	£107,000	
Additional NHS Contribution	£0	£0	
Total	**£17,621,789**	**£17,728,789**	

	Original	Updated	% variance
Planned Expenditure	**£17,621,789**	£17,728,789	**1%**

		% of Planned Income
Q3 Year-to-Date Actual Expenditure	£13,335,003	**75%**

If planned expenditure by activity has changed since the original plan, please confirm that this has been agreed by local partners. If that change in activity expenditure is greater than 5% of total BCF expenditure, please use this box to provide a	n/a