
Report to West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

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Better Care Fund Monitoring Q3 2021/22

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Summary

This paper summarises performance against the Better Care Fund national metrics for Quarter 3 2021/22 and provides a brief overview of Better Care Fund (BCF) planning expectations for 2022/23 and beyond, pending publication of guidance.

Recommendation(s) to the Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note the West Sussex performance against the national BCF metrics at Q3 2021/22.
 2. Note the BCF planning expectations for 2022/23.
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Relevance to [Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#)

The Better Care Fund supports partnership working across the West Sussex Health and Social Care system. The funded schemes include multi-disciplinary teams delivering proactive community-based care, services for carers, social prescribing, and a broad range of adult social care services.

Background

The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme supports local systems to successfully deliver the integration of health and social care in a way that supports person-centred care, sustainability and better outcomes for people and carers.

It requires clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and local government to agree a joint plan, owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). These are joint plans for using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).

Better Care Fund Performance Q3 2021/22

Appendix 1 shows metrics performance at M09/Q3 for the following metrics except for Metric 3 which cannot be monitored in year:

Metric 1: Long term support needs of older people (aged 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population

Metric 2: Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/ rehabilitation services

Metric 3: Unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions

Metric 4a1: Discharge Indicator Set: Reducing length of stay in hospital, measured through the percentage of hospital inpatients who have been in hospital for longer than 14 days

Metric 4a2: Discharge Indicator Set: Reducing length of stay in hospital, measured through the percentage of hospital inpatients who have been in hospital for longer than 21 days

Metric 4b: Discharge Indicator Set: Improving the proportion of people discharged home using data on discharge to their usual place of residence

The Better Care Fund in 2022/23 and Beyond

1 2022/23

(a) Funding

The national allocation of the Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) is increased at circa 3.0% - No increase has been confirmed for the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)

CCG contributions are expected to increase by 5.3% but this is not yet confirmed

(b) Content

Planning and assurance as in previous years

No change to BCF national metrics for 2022/23

(c) Timing

Publication of the Better Care Fund Policy Framework is expected during May – This is some weeks later than originally anticipated

No dates given for the publication of full planning requirements, confirmed allocations, and planning materials

Potential 6-8-week planning window following publication of full planning requirements

2 2023/25

This is expected to be a two-year programme with an increased emphasis on integration at place level. The policy framework for the BCF from 2023 will set out how the programme will support implementation with publication expected this autumn.

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Appendices Presentation Papers

Appendix 1: Better Care Fund Metrics Report Q3 2021/22

Background Papers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-care-fund-policy-framework-2021-to-2022>