
Report to West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

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Better Care Fund Monitoring Q4 2021/22

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Summary

This paper summarises performance against the Better Care Fund national metrics for Quarter 4 2021/22 and provides a brief overview of Better Care Fund (BCF) planning expectations for 2022/23 and beyond, pending publication of delayed 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 Q4 2021/22.
2. Note the BCF planning expectations for 2022/23.

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 M12/Q4 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

Funding uplifts are confirmed as follows: CCG Minimum Contribution increased by 5.66%, Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) increased by 3.0%, and Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) not uplifted.

(b) Content

Planning and assurance are expected to be broadly similar to previous years but with minor changes necessitated by the replacement of Clinical Commissioning Groups by Integrated Care Boards. There will be limited changes to the BCF national metrics for 2022/23.

(c) Timing

Publication of the Better Care Fund Policy Framework is delayed until July. No dates are available for the publication of full planning requirements. Once these are published, a 6-8-week planning window prior to the formal submission of plans is expected.

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 Q4 2021/22

Background Papers

[Better Care Fund policy framework: 2021 to 2022](#)