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## **Report to West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board**

**20 July 2023**

### **Better Care Fund Monitoring Quarter 4 2022/23**

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#### **Summary**

This paper presents the West Sussex 2023-25 Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for approval and summarises performance against the Better Care Fund national metrics for Quarter 4 2022/23.

#### **Recommendations to the Board**

##### **The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:**

1. Approve the West Sussex Better Care Fund Plan for 2023-25.
2. Note the West Sussex performance against the national BCF metrics at Q4 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) is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires integrated care boards (ICBs) 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).

The 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.

#### **West Sussex Better Care Fund Plan 2023-25**

The West Sussex Better Care Fund Plan for 2023-25 was submitted for assurance and approval on the due date of 28 June with formal approval by the Health and Wellbeing pending. The plan received the following approvals:

- ICB Executive Committee – Commissioning Group – 12 June (with delegated authority to approve subsequent final version.)
- West Sussex Health and Social Care Executive Partnership Board – 30 June

In addition, the plan was also taken to the West Sussex Executive Operational Group on 22 June, and the West Sussex Joint Commissioning Strategy Group on 27 June.

The submitted two-year expenditure plan is provisional for 2024/25 based on national guidance, and the Capacity and Demand plan for intermediate care services, and metrics are only set for 2023/24.

The planning process requires subsequent submissions as follows:

- Q3 2023/24: Capacity and Demand Plan for Intermediate Care services updated for winter.
- Q4 2023/24: Updated expenditure plan for 2024/25, Capacity and Demand Plan for Intermediate Care services for 2024/25, and metrics setting for 2024/25.

### **Better Care Fund Performance Q4 2022/23**

Appendix 3 shows performance at Q4 2022/23 for the following metrics:

- 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 4: Discharge to usual place of residence.

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### **Appendices Presentation Papers**

Appendix 1: West Sussex HWB Better Care Fund Narrative Plan 2023-25 FINAL

Appendix 2: West Sussex Capacity and Demand Plan 2023-24

Appendix 3: Better Care Fund Metrics Report Q4 2022/23

### **Background Papers**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-care-fund-policy-framework-2023-to-2025>