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

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### **Better Care Fund Monitoring Quarter 1 2023-24**

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#### **Summary**

This paper provides an update on the national approval of the West Sussex 2023-25 Better Care Fund Plan, presents the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 Quarterly Report for approval, and summarises performance against the Better Care Fund national metrics for Quarter 1 2023-24.

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

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

1. Note the update on the West Sussex Better Care Fund Plan 2023-25.
  2. Note the West Sussex performance against the national Better Care Fund metrics at Quarter 1 2023-24.
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#### **1. Relevance to [Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#)**

- 1.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) 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.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The 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).
- 2.2 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.

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

- 3.1 Approval of the West Sussex Better Care Fund Plan for 2023-25 was confirmed by letter on 19 September. A new Section 75 agreement for the Better Care Fund in 2023/24 between West Sussex County Council and NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board has been produced. This has been signed by

the NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board and the notice of proposed decision to sign the BCF s75 agreement for 2023/24 was published on 18 October in-line with the required council process with the decision due for November.

- 3.2 A refresh of the submitted two-year plan, confirming expenditure plans for 2024/25 and setting metrics for that year is required in Q4 2023/24.

#### **4. Better Care Fund Performance Q1 2023-24**

4.1 Appendix 1 shows performance at Q1 2023-24 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.
- Metric 5: Emergency hospital admission due to falls (aged 65 and over)

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#### **Appendices Presentation Papers**

Appendix 1: Better Care Fund Metrics Report Quarter 1 2023-24

#### **Background Papers**

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