
Report to West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

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Better Care Fund Monitoring Q2 2023-24

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Summary

This paper provides an update on Better Care Fund (BCF) Planning for 2023-25, presents the Better Care Fund Q3 Quarterly Report for approval and the Q2 Quarterly Report for information, and summarises performance against the Better Care Fund national metrics for Quarter 2 2023-24.

Recommendation(s) 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 Better Care Fund Q2 Quarterly Report
3. Note the West Sussex performance against the national BCF metrics at Q1 2023-24.

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

A refresh of the submitted two-year plan, confirming or updating expenditure and activity plans, the setting of metrics targets for 2024-25, and capacity and demand plans for intermediate care services in 2024-25 is required during Q4 2023-24.

The updated planning requirements will require the submission of a planning template but no change to the previously submitted Better Care Fund Narrative Plan for 2023-25 is anticipated.

Better Care Fund Quarterly Reporting Q2 2023-24

The Q2 Quarterly Report consists of the following:

- Confirmation that BCF national conditions continue to be met
- Metrics commentary for Q1 2023-24
- A revised capacity and demand plans for intermediate care services covering the period November 2023 to March 2024

HWB is asked to note this report which was submitted on the authority of the chair due to the timing of the submission.

Better Care Fund Performance Q2 2023-24

Appendix 3 shows performance at Q122023-24 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: BCF Q2 Quarterly Report 2023-24 Summary Paper

Appendix 2: Better Care Fund Metrics Report Q2 2023-24

Background Papers

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