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

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### **Better Care Fund Monitoring Q1 2022/23**

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#### **Summary**

This paper presents the West Sussex 2022/23 Better Care Fund Plan and Capacity and associated Demand Plan for approval and summarises performance against the Better Care Fund national metrics for Quarter 1 2022/23.

#### **Recommendation(s) to the Board**

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

1. Approve the West Sussex Better Care Fund Plan for 2022/23.
  2. Approve the West Sussex Capacity and Demand Plan for Intermediate Care Services Q3 & Q4 2022/23.
  3. Note the West Sussex performance against the national BCF metrics at Q1 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 2022/23**

The West Sussex Better Care Fund Plan for 2022/23 was submitted for assurance and approval on the due date of 26<sup>th</sup> September with formal approval by the Health and Wellbeing Pending. Prior to this, the plan received the following approvals:

- WSCC Adults and Health DLT – 7 September
- ICB Executive Committee – Commissioning Group – 12 September
- West Sussex Health and Social Care Executive Partnership Board – 13 September

In addition, the plan was circulated to all members of the West Sussex Planning Oversight Group for information.

## **Capacity and Demand Plan for Intermediate Care Q3 & Q4 2022/23**

As part of 2022-23 Better Care Fund planning round, Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) areas were asked to develop plans that outline expected capacity and demand for intermediate care services, covering demand for both services to support people to stay at home (including admissions avoidance) and hospital discharge pathways 0–3 inclusive, or equivalent, for quarters 3 and 4 of 2022-23 across health and social care.

The scope covered all funded activity rather than only that funded by the Better Care Fund. The required plan does not distinguish between LA and ICB commissioned service. For West Sussex this comprises:

- Bed-based capacity to support admission avoidance/discharge
- Home-based capacity to support admission avoidance/discharge
- Rehabilitation/reablement,
- Overnight nursing supporting admission avoidance
- Hospital to home voluntary sector services.

These capacity and demand plans will inform future policy and guidance, but the content will not form part of the overall Better Care Fund assurance and plan approval process.

## **Better Care Fund Performance Q1 2022/23**

Appendix 1 shows metrics performance at Q1 2022/23 for the following metrics except for Metric 3 for which in-year reporting is in development:

- 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 2022-23

Appendix 2: West Sussex Capacity and Demand Plan; Community, Capacity Discharge, Hospital Discharge and Spend (NHS England reporting)

Appendix 3: Better Care Fund Metrics Report Q1 2022/23

### **Background Papers**

[Better Care Fund Policy and Planning](#)