
Report to West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

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Better Care Fund Monitoring Q2 2022/23

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Summary

This paper presents an update on the West Sussex 2022/23 Better Care Fund Plan, presents the West Sussex plan for the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund, and summarises performance against the Better Care Fund national metrics for Quarter 2 2022/23.

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 for 2022/23.
 2. Approve the West Sussex Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan.
 3. Note the West Sussex performance against the national BCF metrics at Q2 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

Confirmation of the approval of the West Sussex Better Care Fund Plan for 2022/23 submitted on 26th September was confirmed by email on 23rd December with the formal letter expected early in the new year.

The deadline for having a signed Better Care Fund section 75 Agreement in place is extended to 31st January to accommodate the additional requirement that the local authority and integrated care board Adult Social Care Discharge Fund monies are pooled into the agreement.

Adult Social Care Discharge Fund

The first tranche of the £500 million Adult Social Care Discharge Fund, announced by the government on 22nd September 2022 was released to local areas in early December. The second tranche is due at the end of January following the submission of an agreed expenditure plan on 16th December, and progress review by NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care in mid-January.

Funding will be provided through grants to local authorities (40% of the national fund) and allocations via Integrated Care Boards (the remaining 60%), with the latter confirming the agreed distribution of their allocation across the HWBs in their footprints:

West Sussex County Council LA Grant:	£2,752,877
NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board Allocation to HWB area:	£4,208,158
Total:	£6,961,035

Appendix 2 shows the expenditure plan covering the period from the start of December 2022 up until 31st March 2023 as agreed by the council and NHS Sussex.

Commencing 6th January, fortnightly activity reports must be submitted detailing what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plan. A final end of year report is required alongside the wider Better Care Fund end of year report by 2nd May 2023.

Better Care Fund Performance Q2 2022/23

Appendix 1 shows metrics performance at Q2 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 Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan

Appendix 2: Better Care Fund Metrics Report Q2 2022/23

Background Papers

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/part-rel/transformation-fund/better-care-fund/policy-and-planning/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-discharge-fund>