

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING BOARD**

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**REPORT OF: Better Care Fund  
(BCF)**

**STOCKTON BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE**

**Stockton-on-Tees BCF Quarter 3 report**

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the submission of the Stockton-on-Tees BCF Quarter 3 report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:**

1. Note the submission of the Stockton-on-Tees BCF Quarter 3 report to NHS England as part of the reporting requirements set out in the BCF Planning Requirements 23-25.

**Background**

The Better Care Fund (BCF) reporting requirements are set out in the BCF Planning Requirements document for 2023-25, which supports the aims of the BCF Policy Framework and the BCF programme; jointly led and developed by the national partners Department of Health (DHSC), Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), NHS England (NHSE), Local Government Association (LGA), working with the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS).

The key purposes of BCF reporting are:

- 1) To confirm the status of continued compliance against the requirements of the fund (BCF)
- 2) In Quarter 2 to refresh capacity and demand plans, and in Quarter 3 to confirm activity to date, where BCF funded schemes include output estimates, and at the End of Year actual income and expenditure in BCF plans
- 3) To provide information from local areas on challenges, achievements and support needs in progressing the delivery of BCF plans, including performance metrics
- 4) To enable the use of this information for national partners to inform future direction and for local areas to inform improvements

## Details

This paper consists of the quarter 3 report which was agreed by the BCF Delivery Group and signed off by the Pooled Budget Partnership Board on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board. It was submitted to the NHS England on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024.



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