

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

26th June 2024

REPORT OF: Better Care Fund (BCF)

STOCKTON BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

Stockton-on-Tees BCF Year end (23/24) report and BCF Plan Addendum

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 Year end report and the BCF Plan Addendum which were submitted to the National Better Care Fund Team, NHS England on 23rd May and 10th June respectively.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

1. Note the submission of the Stockton-on-Tees BCF Year end (23/24) report and BCF Plan Addendum 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 BCF Yearend (23/24) report and the BCF Plan Addendum which were agreed by the BCF Delivery Group and signed off by the Pooled Budget Partnership Board on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board. They were submitted to the National Better Care Fund Team, NHS England.

Year end (23/24) report

The aim of the report was to provide end of the year income, expenditure and activities. The key points of the report include:

- Confirmed that the four BCF National Conditions were met.
- Provided assessment of progress against the metrics, a brief summary of challenges faced in achieving the metrics as well as successes. The metrics included:
 - Avoidable admissions
 - Discharge to usual place of residence
 - Emergency admission due to falls
 - Residential admission
 - Reablement- proportion of older people who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation services
- Confirmed the actual BCF pooled income which was ££28,673,199.
- Provided cumulative spend and activities in the year to date for schemes for 23/24.
- Provided actual demand and activities data on intermediate care services for hospital discharge and community.
- Provided feedback on delivery the BCF plan, successes and challenges.

Below is a copy of the Year end report



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BCF Plan Addendum

This Addendum is an update on the BCF plans for 23/25 which had been assured and approved last year. The key points of the report include:

- Provided data on the Capacity and Demand (C&D) planning of intermediate care in 24/25 to ensure services are aligned to support people being discharged from hospital and in the community.
- Provided information on services such as VCSE and Handy Person to support people with less complex discharges that did not require formal reablement or rehabilitation.
- Confirmed the allocations for all mandatory funding contributions including the Discharge Fund. The total BCF pooled budget for 24/25 is £30,951,567.

- Updated the spending plans for 24/25 from the original 23/25 plans with information on existing schemes and new schemes.
- There was no requirement for a separate narrative plan submission, as the 2023-25 narrative plan still applies. Narrative answers were provided for specific questions on:
 - How the analysis of actual C&D in 23/24 were considered in the current C&D plan.
 - Changes to commissioning of intermediate care to support hospital discharge, prevent admission to hospital and long-term residential care.
 - How to use the Discharge Fund to reduce discharge delays and improve people's outcomes.
- Set out the ambitions and performance plans for each BCF metrics in 24/25:
 - Avoidable admission
 - Emergency hospital admission due to falls in people aged 65 and over
 - Discharge to usual place of residence
 - Residential admission
 - Proportion of people discharged who are still at home after 91 days was not required for this submission. A new metric is being developing and will be introduced later on.

Below is a copy of the full BCF Plan Addendum



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Further details on services funded by the BCF including hospital discharge will be presented to the Board on 30th October 2024.

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