

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

25th May 2023

Subject: BCF End of Year Submission Short Summary

Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with an executive briefing of the end of year submission for the Better Care Fund (BCF) for the Wiltshire locality.

1.2 The template must be submitted to the BCF National Team on May 23rd, 2023, and it is a requirement of BCF governance arrangements that this is formally presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board. This is to provide accountability for the funding, information and input into national datasets, on behalf of Health and Wellbeing Boards.

1.3 The submission was populated by the financial out-turn position statement of the Better Care Fund (BCF) for 2022/23:

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Total Pooled Fund	£71,009,905	£64,957,645	£6,052,260

2022-23 underspend from across iBCF, BCF and Disabled Facilities Grant has been appropriately treated and carried forward to spend in 2023-24.

1.4 National conditions set out below were all met:

National Condition	Confirmation
1) A Plan has been agreed for the Health and Wellbeing Board area that includes all mandatory funding and this is included in a pooled fund governed under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006? (This should include engagement with district councils on use of Disabled Facilities Grant in two tier areas)	Yes
2) Planned contribution to social care from the CCG minimum contribution is agreed in line with the BCF policy?	Yes
3) Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out of hospital services?	Yes
4) Plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital	Yes

1.5 The end of year statements confirmed use of the BCF as an enabler of integrated working:

1. The overall delivery of the BCF has improved joint working between health and social care in our locality	The governance structure is embedded following the creation of the Integrated Care Alliance and working well.
2. Our BCF schemes were implemented as planned in 2022-23	All schemes implemented as planned, including the additional schemes developed at pace to meet ASCDF guidance. These had a positive impact on hospital discharge rates.
3. The delivery of our BCF plan in 2022-23 had a positive impact on the integration of health and social care in our locality	Joint commissioning of is evident in some services such as brokerage and joint commissioning of the new PW2 bed model was successful.

1.6 The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) have published a Policy Framework for the implementation of the Better Care Fund (BCF) from 2023-24 to 2024-25. The BCF programme underpins key priorities in the NHS Long Term Plan by joining up services in the community and the Government's plan for recovering urgent and emergency care (UEC) services¹, as well as supporting the delivery of the Next Steps to Put People at the Heart of Care²

¹ [NHS England » Delivery plan for recovering urgent and emergency care services](#)

² [Adult social care system reform: next steps to put People at the Heart of Care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

1.7 The use of BCF mandatory funding streams must be jointly agreed by Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and Local Authorities to reflect local health and care priorities. Plans must be signed off by Health and Wellbeing Boards.

1.8 The planning guidance was issued on 4th April 2023 with a final submission date for the plan of 28th June 2023. This timeline will miss the deadline for submission to the Health and Wellbeing Board. As there are no planned Health and Wellbeing Board meetings in June it is therefore proposed that sign-off for the BCF Plan 2023-2025 is delegated to the Chair, in consultation with lead officers from Wiltshire Council and the Integrated Care Board. Note that this is the first time BCF plans cover a two-year period.

Proposal(s)

It is recommended that the Board:

- i) Notes the end of year BCF submission 2022-23,
- ii) Approves the delegated sign-off of the Better Care Fund Plan to the Chair.

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