

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

23rd May 2024

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, 2024, 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 2023/24:

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Total Pooled Fund	£69,511,568	£67,670,874	£1,840,694

Various schemes are showing an underspend due to the timing of the year end submission, such as Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), Equipment and iBCF. Final DFG spend is unknown at time of completion due to capital outturn timing, so position may change.

1.4 National conditions set out below were all met:

National Condition	Confirmation
1) Jointly agreed plan	Yes
2) Implementing BCF Policy Objective 1: Enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home longer	Yes
3) Implementing BCF Policy Objective 2: Providing the right care in the right place at the right time	Yes
4) Maintaining NHS's contribution to adult social care and investment in NHS commissioning out of hospital services	Yes

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

Statement:	Response:	Comments: Please detail any further supporting information for each response
1. The overall delivery of the BCF has improved joint working between health and social care in our locality	Strongly Agree	The governance structure that was embedded because of the creation of the Integrated Care Alliance in 2023/24 has improved joint working and continues to work well.
2. Our BCF schemes were implemented as planned in 2023-24	Strongly Agree	All schemes were implemented as planned in 2023/24.
3. The delivery of our BCF plan in 2023-24 had a positive impact on the integration of health and social care in our locality	Strongly Agree	The BCF plan has continued to have a positive impact on the integration of health and social care within Wiltshire.

1.6 2023/24 has seen significant changes in Demand and Capacity planning for hospital discharge which has resulted in a significant reduction in acute non criteria to reside. This will be evidenced in our 2024/25 BCF planning refresh

on 10th June 2024.

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. The BCF 2023-25 Plan is being refreshed for 2024-25 and will be submitted on 10 June 2024. The plan will be formally presented to the Board on 11 July 2024.

Proposal(s)

It is recommended that the Board:

- i) Notes the end of year BCF submission 2023-24,
- ii) Approves the delegated sign-off of the Better Care Fund Plan to the Co-Chair

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