

Better Care Fund (BCF) Programme

Health and Wellbeing Board

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- An introduction to the Better Care Fund
- The role of the HWBB in signing off 2021/22 outturn and 2022/23 plans
- Discussion on opportunities for developing the BCF plans for 2023



What is the Better Care Fund?

- The Better Care Fund is not new; it has been around since 2013. It was seen as a way of pooling budgets and directing funding to Adult Social Care
- It serves as a mechanism to support health and care system partners to deliver integration in a way that supports person-centred care, sustainability and better outcomes for people and their carers:
 - *pooled budgets supported by s75 agreement*
 - *money in pooled budget to protect Adult Social Care services*





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What is the Better Care Fund?

The key principals are to ensure:

- Right care at the right time in the right place.
- People are supported to stay safe, well and independent at home for longer.



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Financial details - 2022/23 plan

The total pooled fund is just under £74 million.

The majority of the spend to support the following:

- £4.9 million is the Disabled Facilities grant
- £24m approx protecting Adult Social Care services
- £30m approx on Intermediate Care services
- £9m approx to the voluntary and community sector





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Challenges

- Part of the wider NHS planning process. However, guidance often comes out very late in the year.
- Plans therefore have often been rolled over especially over the last 2 years.
- Opportunities for health and social care integration not always has been seen as a key driver in many health and social care systems.
- Often viewed as a bureaucratic process.





Opportunities

- There will be another BCF process next year and there is the prospect of having a 2 year plan.
- Do we need to wait for the guidance to look at our aspirations and plans for 2023 onwards?
- The metrics measured (4 this year) have remained the same for a number of years and cover:
 1. Admission avoidance
 2. Discharge to usual place of residence
 3. Residential admissions
 4. Reablement



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Narrative Plan

As well as the key metrics within the narrative plan we have to submit we also need to include our plans for

- Use of Disabled Facilities Grant / Housing
- Support to informal carers
- Health Inequalities



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Next steps -2023 onwards

- How do we want to work with partners to develop the plan?
- The plan reflects the work underway and future aspirations.
- Ensuring we have the appropriate governance structure in place to monitor plans and performance
- How would the HWB like to be involved?

