

Bury Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of the Report	Better Care Fund (BCF) Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) 24/25 Quarter 1 Reporting Template
Date	12 th September 2024
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Executive Summary			
Is this report for?	Information	Discussion	Decision Y
Why is this report being brought to the Board?	To seek Health and Wellbeing Board retrospective sign off for the Bury quarter 1 reporting template for the Better Care Fund 2024/2025. The deadline for submission to the NHSE Better Care fund team was 2 nd September 2024		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities the report relates to. (See attached Strategy) www.theburydirectory.co.uk/healthandwellbeingboard	The Better Care Fund primarily focuses upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Well with a Long-Term Condition • Reducing Length of Stay in hospitals • Improving and supporting Hospital Discharges • Prevention & Early Intervention 		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment priorities the report relates to. (See attached JSNA) http://jsna.theburydirectory.co.uk/kb5/bury/jsna/home.page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Well with a Long-Term Condition • Reducing Length of Stay in hospitals • Improving and supporting Hospital 		

	Discharges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention & Early Intervention • Falls
Key Actions for the Health and Wellbeing Board to address – what action is needed from the Board and its members? Please state recommendations for action.	(1) Note the content of the report. (2) Agree the retrospective submission of the Quarter 1 reporting template to BCF 2024/2025 as per the attached full reporting submission
What requirement is there for internal or external communication around this area?	None
Assurance and tracking process – Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG Board/other stakeholders....please provide details.	The Quarter 1 reporting template has been collaboratively populated by relevant colleagues from within Bury Council and NHS GM Bury ICB.

Introduction / Background

1 Introduction and background

1.1 The final Better Care Fund (BCF) 2023/2025 Policy Framework and Planning Guidance can be found at: BCF

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bettercarefund-policy-framework-2023-to-2025>

This policy framework confirms the conditions and funding for the Better Care Fund (BCF) for 2023 to 2025.

1.2 Since 2015, the BCF has been crucial in supporting people to live healthy, independent, and dignified lives, through joining up health, social care, and housing services seamlessly around the person. This vision is underpinned by 2 core objectives, to:

- enable people to stay well, safe, and independent at home for longer
- provide people with the right care, at the right place, at the right time

1.3 The BCF achieves this by requiring Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and local government

to agree a joint plan of how the funding will be spent to meet the core objectives. Indeed, 94% of local areas agreed that joint working had improved because of the BCF following a survey in 2022.

- 1.4 The plan is owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006). This continues to provide an important framework in bringing local NHS services and local government together to tackle pressures faced across the health and social care system and drive better outcomes for people.
- 1.5 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 \(UEC\) services](#), as well as supporting the delivery of [Next steps to put People at the Heart of Care](#). The BCF facilitates the smooth transition of people out of hospital, reduces the chances of re-admission, and supports people to avoid long term residential care. The BCF is also a vehicle for wider joining up of services across health and local government, such as support for unpaid carers, housing support and public health.
- 1.6 The delivery of the BCF will support 2 key priorities for the health and care system that align with the 2 existing BCF objectives:
 - improving overall quality of life for people, and reducing pressure on urgent and emergency care, the acute sector, and social care services through investing in preventative services
 - tackling delayed discharges from hospital and bringing about sustained improvements in discharge outcomes and wider system flow - these are set out in the 'BCF objectives and priorities for 2023 to 2025' section below
- 1.7 At the same time, NHS England and the LGA published the Planning Requirements for the BCF. These can be found at: BCF [planning requirements](#),
- 1.8 The framework and guidance establish the key conditions and requirements of the Better Care Fund in 2023/2025.

2 BCF 2023/2025 Vision and Objectives

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) Policy Framework sets out the Government's priorities for 2023-25, including improving discharge, reducing the pressure on Urgent and Emergency Care and social care, supporting intermediate care, unpaid carers and housing adaptations. The vision for the BCF over 2023-25 is to support people to live healthy, independent and dignified lives, through joining up health, social care and housing services seamlessly around the person. This vision is underpinned by the two core BCF objectives:
- 2.2 The objectives, priorities and performance targets and what data we have to collect to report on are defined very clearly in the guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-care-fund-policy-framework-2023-to-2025>.

2.3 Objective 1: to enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer

The priorities for health and social care are to improve quality of life and reduce pressure on urgent emergency hospital care, other acute care in the hospitals and adult social care services. This has to be achieved by everybody in the health and care system working together. including: collaborative working with the voluntary, housing and independent provider sectors and by investment in a range of preventative, community health and housing services and by supporting unpaid carers

2.4 Objective 2: to provide people with the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

The priorities for health and social care are to tackle immediate pressures in delayed discharges and demand for hospital attendances and admissions, bringing about sustained improvements in outcomes for people discharged from hospital, and wider system flow. This will be achieved by embedding strong joint working between the NHS, local government and the voluntary, housing and independent provider sectors

2.5 BCF metrics for 2024 to 2025

2.6 There is no requirement to report on metrics in quarter 1

3.0 Quarter 1 Finance and Output Report

3.1 In quarter 1 we are only required to report expenditure and outputs on the Discharge funding element of BCF.

Scheme Type	Planned Expenditure Annual £	Actual Expenditure Year to Date £	Planned Outputs Annual	Actual Outputs Year to Date.	Any Implementation Issues
Primary Care Support	525,464	0	0	0	No issues reported
Home from Hospital	105,660	105,660	0	0	No issues reported
Hospice	352,143	88,036	0	0	No issues reported
Additional IMC beds	416,733	104,183	160	40	No issues reported

Residential and Nursing Home Placements	549,824	137,456	12	2	No issues reported
Supported Living /Housing Placements	274,912	68,728	4	1	No issues reported
Reablement Service	682,446	170,712	0	0	No issues reported
Home care/Domiciliary Services (IBCF)	274,912	68,728	10,446	2600	No issues reported
VCSE Housing Support	40,000	10,000	0	0	No issues reported
Same Day emergency Care Frailty Ward	342,000	85,500	0	0	No issues reported

4.0 Reporting and checkpoints

4.1 It is expected that performance on spend and the outputs aligned to the main BCF programme will be reported on a quarterly basis. The reporting requirements have now been finalised for quarter 1 and have been submitted to NHSE Better Care fund Team.

5. Links to the Bury Locality Plan

5.1 The Better Care Fund proposals should not be read in isolation but should be seen as a constituent part of the Bury Locality Plan and "Let's Do It' 2030 Bury Strategy which sets out the entirety of the local approach to Health and Social Care transformation.

Recommendations for action

- That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the content of the quarter 1 reporting submission

- That the Bury Health and Wellbeing Board retrospectively approve the attached Better Care Fund 2024/2025 quarter 1 reporting submission and ratify the decision to submit to the national Better Care Fund team for assessment.

Financial and legal implications (if any)

- These proposals relate to the use of financial resources
- These proposals have been developed in partnership with the Bury Council s.151 Officer and the Bury Director of Finance.

Equality/Diversity Implications. Please attach the completed Equality and Analysis Form if required.

- None
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