

Bury Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of the Report	Better Care Fund (BCF) Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) 24/25 End Of Year (EOY) Reporting Template
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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 EOY reporting template for the Better Care Fund 2024/2025. The deadline for submission to the NHSE Better Care fund team was 6 th June 2025		
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 EOY 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 EOY 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 The four metrics to be reported on are:

Avoidable Admissions
Discharge to Normal Place of Residence
Falls
Residential Admissions

Metric	Definition	Actual Performance	Assessment of Progress	Challenges	Variance from Plan
Avoidable Admissions	Unplanned Hospitalisation	1137.8 (predicted)	Target not met	Challenges on data collection as data is released late by NHSE	Variance from plan is -157.9 (predicted). There have been more than predicted NEI admissions
Discharge to Normal Place of Residence	Discharged from acute hospital to normal residence	90.6% (predicted)	Target not met	Challenges on data collection as data is released late by NHSE	Variance from plan is 0.9%. It is thought that variance from plan is related to other acute site discharges mainly NMGH

Falls	Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over	2053.9 (predicted)	Target met	No challenges	Achieved by 16 (predicted)
Residential Admissions	Rates of permanent admissions to residential care	Measured annually 817	Target not met	Increased complexity of customers	Variance from plan

3.0 EOY 24-5 Finance and Output Report

3.1

Scheme Type	Planned Expenditure Annual £	Actual Expenditure Year to Date £	Planned Outputs Annual	Actual Outputs Year to Date.	Provider and Funding Stream
Reablement Service	3,716,984	3,716,984	840	840	LA via minimum NHS contribution
Staying Well Programme	88,100	88,100	0	0	LA via minimum NHS contribution
Programme Management	135,000	135,000	0	0	LA via minimum NHS contribution
Intermediate Tier	530,647	530,647	0	0	LA via additional NHS contribution
Rapid Response	910,500	910,500	0	0	LA via additional NHS contribution

Integrated Neighbourhood Teams	509,753	509,753	0	0	LA via additional NHS contribution
Protection of Social Care	950,317	950,317	36311	36311	Private sector via minimum NHS contribution
Protection of Social Care	950,317	950,317	21.4	21.4	Private sector via minimum NHS contribution
Protection of Social Care	950,317	950,317	20.3	20.3	Private sector via minimum NHS contribution
Protection of Social Care	950,317	950,317	14.5	14.5	Private sector via minimum NHS contribution
Assistive Technologies and Equipment	75,700	75,700	2300	2300	LA via additional NHS contribution
IBCF Building Resilience and Enabling Systems	5,781,385	5,781,385	10350	10350	Private sector via IBCF
IBCF Building Resilience and Enabling Systems	313,846	313,846	0	0	LA via IBCF
IBCF Building Resilience and Enabling Systems	1,533,217	1,533,217	0	0	LA via IBCF

Disabled Facilities Grant	2,265,064	2,265,064	170	170	LA via DFG
Primary Care Support	475,464	475,524	0	0	Private Sector via ICB discharge funding – goes live in September 24
GP in reach to Intermediate Tier	50,000	50,000	0	0	Private Sector via ICB discharge funding
Home From Hospital	105,660	105,600	0	0	Voluntary Sector via ICB Discharge Funding
Hospice	352,143	352,143	0	0	Voluntary Sector via ICB Discharge Funding
Additional G&A beds	416,733	416,733	160	160	Private Sector via ICB discharge funding
Care of vulnerable Adults - Fairfield Raid	711,109	711,109	0	0	NHS Mental Health via minimum NHS contribution
Crisis Response Community	1,784,192	1,784,192	4200	4200	NHS community provider via minimum NHS contribution

Intermediate Tier	2,267,401	2,267,401	0	0	NHS community provider via minimum NHS contribution
Integrated Neighbourhood Teams	571,312	571,312	0	0	NHS community provider via minimum NHS contribution
Falls Prevention	226,272	226,272	0	0	NHS community provider via minimum NHS contribution
Bury Local Care Organisation	937,225	937,225	0	0	NHS community provider via minimum NHS contribution
Protection of Social Care	274,912	274,912	10446	10446	Private Sector LA discharge funding
Protection of Social Care	274,912	274,912	6.2	6.2	Private Sector LA discharge funding
Protection of Social Care	274,912	274,912	5.9	5.9	Private Sector LA discharge funding
Protection of Social Care	274,912	274,912	4.2	4.2	Private Sector LA discharge funding

Reablement Service	682,846	682,846	0	363	LA and LA Discharge Funding
Nursing Home Training	20,091	20,091	0	0	Private sector via minimum NHS contribution
Alzheimers Society	82,765	82,765	0	0	Voluntary sector via Minimum NHS contribution
Nursing Home Training	49,077	49,077	0	0	Private Sector via additional NHS contribution
Stroke Association	60,000	60,000	0	0	Voluntary Sector via additional NHS contribution
VCSE Housing Support	40,000	40,000	0	0	NHS Mental Health Provider via ICB Discharge funding
Same Day Emergency Care Frailty Ward	342,000	342,000	0	0	NHS Acute Provider via ICB Discharge Funding
Integrated Intermediate Care	1,826,403	1,826,403	540	540	LA via minimum NHS contribution
Integrated Neighbourhood Teams	1,353,747	1,353,747	0	0	LA via minimum NHS contribution

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 EOY 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 EOY reporting submission
- That the Bury Health and Wellbeing Board retrospectively approve the attached Better Care Fund 2024/2025 EOY 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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