

<h1>BRIEFING</h1>	TO:	Health and Wellbeing Board
	DATE:	6 th March 2024
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	TITLE:	Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter 3 Template 2023/24

Background

1.1	The purpose of this report is to agree the contents of the BCF Quarter 3 Template report which will be submitted to NHS England regarding the performance and spend and activity of Rotherham's Better Care Fund Plan for 2023/24.
1.2	The overall delivery of the Better Care Fund continues to have a positive impact and improves joint working between health and social care in Rotherham.

Key Issues

2.1	The BCF Quarter 3 template covers reporting on: national conditions, metrics, spend and activity in relation to BCF funded schemes. The BCF Quarter 3 template is attached at Appendix 1.
2.2	Monthly templates are submitted to DHSC / NHS England to monitor spend against the Additional Discharge Fund from 30 th May 2023 until 8th April 2024.
2.3	Below is a summary of information included within the BCF submission:
2.4	<p>National Conditions</p> <p>There is a total of 5 national conditions for 2023/24 which continue to be met through the delivery of the plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation that the Section 75 agreement has been finalised and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board. • A plan has been jointly agreed between both partner organisations. • Implementation of BCF Policy Objective 1: Enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer. • Implementation of BCF Policy Objective 2: Providing the right care in the right place at the right time. • Maintaining NHS's contribution to adult social care and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services.
2.5	<p>BCF Metrics</p> <p>There is a total of five BCF metrics within the BCF Q3 Template for 2023/24 which measures the impact of the plan as follows:</p> <p>Avoidable Admissions - Unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions – Not on track to meet target. Challenges and any support needs – Performance in Q3 has remained challenged, potentially linked to winter pressures and industrial action.</p> <p>Achievements - We have seen increased use of the virtual ward and urgent community response pathways remain above target. Impact of these schemes will be clearer in Q4.</p>

	<p>Discharge to normal place of residence - Percentage of people who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of residence – On track to meet target Challenges and any support needs – Performance has been above target and remained strong in October / November. Achievements - On track supported by continued partnership working.</p> <p>Falls – Emergency admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over (New Indicator) – Not on track to meet target. Challenges and any support needs – Higher than expected number of falls seen based on nationally published data (686 actual, planned level expected would be closer to 600). Achievements - Review of falls services being undertaken in 2023/24.</p> <p>Residential Care Admissions – Rate of permanent admissions to residential care per 100,000 population (65+) – Not on track to meet target. Challenges and any support needs – Overall admissions at the end of Quarter 3 are currently tracking slightly above the cumulative target (0.08%). Achievements - The service continues to explore proposals to reduce residential admission rates and is undertaking further analysis to understand the developing trend.</p> <p>Reablement – Proportion of Older People (65 years and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services (bed base and at home) – annual measure, no data currently available.</p> <p>2.6 Spend and Activity</p> <p>Actual spend and outputs delivered to date is included within the template.</p> <p>2.7 BCF Final Year End Template 2023/24</p> <p>A final year-end template is likely to be issued by NHS England for completion by around mid-May 2024.</p>
Key Actions and Relevant Timelines	
3.1	<p>The Better Care Fund Executive Group held on 6th February 2024 approved (on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board) the:</p> <p>(i) Documentation for submission to NHS England (NHSE) on 9th February 2024.</p>
Implications for Health Inequalities	
4.1	<p>Addressing health inequalities is integral to the allocation of BCF resource and funded schemes. This includes contributing to achieving the strategic aims of developing healthy lifestyles and prevention pathways, supporting prevention and early diagnosis of chronic conditions and targeting variation.</p> <p>BCF funded schemes which reduce health inequalities include social prescribing, Breathing Space and project support for the implementation of Population Health Management (PHM) priorities.</p>
Recommendations	
5.1	<p>That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the:</p> <p>(ii) Documentation for submission to NHS England (NHSE) on 9th February 2024.</p>