

<h1>BRIEFING</h1>	<b>TO:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
	<b>DATE:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
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	<b>TITLE:</b>	Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter 1 Template 2024/25

**Background**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to confirm the content of the BCF Quarter 1 Template (Appendix 1) which has been submitted to NHS England regarding the spend and outputs of Rotherham’s Discharge Fund for 2024/25.
- 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 Discharge Fund is to support timely and safe discharge from hospital into the community by reducing the number of people delayed in hospital.
- 2.2 Rotherham Place has received £2.473 million of the discharge funding. Rotherham Council has also been allocated £3.384 million of the discharge fund. Therefore, this amounts to a total of £5.857 million of funding for Rotherham Place partners for 2024/25.
- 2.3 These funds are required to be pooled into the local Better Care Fund (BCF) plans and Section 75 agreements.
- 2.4 The BCF Quarter 1 template for 2024/25 covers reporting on spend and outputs of the Local Authority and ICB Discharge Fund only.
- 2.5 **Spend and Activity**  
  
Actual expenditure and outputs delivered to date is included within the BCF Q1 template.  
  
Expenditure will be carefully monitored throughout the year and reallocated according to need.

**Key Actions and Relevant Timelines**

- 3.1 **The Better Care Fund Executive Group held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 approved (on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board) the:**  
  
(i) **Documentation for submission to NHS England (NHSE) on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

**Implications for Health Inequalities**

- 4.1 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

	<p>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>
<b>Recommendations</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the:</b></p> <p><b>(ii) Documentation that has been submitted to NHS England (NHSE) on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024.</b></p>