
Bath & North East Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives



Bath and North East Somerset,
Swindon and Wiltshire
Integrated Care Board

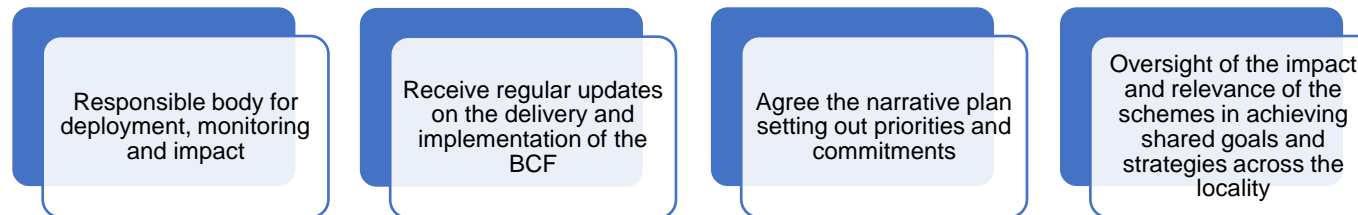


Better Care Fund 2023 - 5

September 2023 Update

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Responsibilities of HWB for BCF



Grant Conditions

Better Care Fund (BCF) & Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)



- Commissioned services must support people to receive the right care in the right place at the right time
- Services must be integrated where possible.
- Funding must be used to protect Adult Social Care, ensuring we can deliver in areas that need financial support to deliver a health and wellbeing benefit in the most appropriate, efficient way.
- Funding should support and underpin the aims of the ASCDF and associated metrics.

Adult Social Care Discharge Funding (ASCDF)



- Funding must be used to increase social care capacity – providing more care packages to more people to reduce delayed discharge from hospitals.
- Schemes must build additional adult social care & community-based reablement capacity to reduce hospital discharge delays. Support timely discharge from hospital with appropriate short-term support.
- There is ICB and Council element

Disabled facilities Grant (DFG)



- Funding must be used to support disabled and older people to be independent, enabling carers to continue their role safely, preventing accidents and helping people to return from hospital.

Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF)



- Funding should be used for:
 - Increasing fee rates paid to adult social care providers in local areas
 - increasing adult social care workforce capacity and retention
 - reducing adult social care waiting times

- The BCF programme is made up of funds from across the Council, ICB and monies directly from DHSC.
- It funds a range of Adult Social Care and Health services
- Circa 77% of BCF funding is spent on the HCRG CG Community Services contract
- 17% is attributed to other 'Core' commitments (such as the DFG)
- Leaving approximately 6% to commit to 'measured schemes'

Note: The BCF runs alongside mainstream Council and ICB budgets

2023-24 Funding

Better Care Fund (including Improved Better Care Fund and DFG)	£72,957,229
2023-24 Adult Social Care Discharge Fund (LA Allocation)	£687,394
ICB Request for B&NES Funding (including the 2023-24 Adult Social Care Discharge Fund - ICB Allocation)	£5,600,000
Market Sustainability Fund (not managed under BCF but included for reference)	£1,700,000

BCF headline updates

Changes since last report to HWB

- 2023/2025 Narrative Plan as signed off by HWB approved by DHSC, pending formal notification
- Additional DFG funding of £102m nationally (split £50m/£52m over 23-25 announced). £125,820 for B&NES in 23/24 although this will likely be offset by increasing cost of living pressures

2023-2024 Schemes & Financial Update

- The BCF is supporting 15 schemes in 2023-24 (measured) and other non measured commitments
- Total commitment = £75,074,272
- YTD Spend = £30,990,959
- Spending to date is to plan

Reporting and compliance

- All fortnightly and monthly returns completed
- New quarterly return template for completion, approval and submission - end Oct 23. Guidance to align with winter planning led by ICB.
- S75 agreement in process following approval of 23-25 plan
- No further significant updates for HWB anticipated as projects consolidate over coming 6 months (see below priorities)



Continue to build measured schemes and spending profiles around 4 key transformation priorities aligned with locality strategic plans

Priority 1

Admission avoidance and neighbourhood development focusing on the role of the **Community Wellbeing Hub** and carer support and engagement

Priority 2

Young people **with learning disabilities, autism &/or mental health** transitioning into adult care

Priority 3

Provision of resource to support **Technology** development in care linked to the neighbourhood teams strategy

Priority 4

Contingency supporting **Transformation** and re-contracting of Community health and social care provision



Useful DHSC scrutiny endorsed our approach to focus on place specific priorities