

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	<b>04 December 2023</b>
TITLE:	<b>Bath and North East Somerset Better Care Fund Quarter 2 National Data Return</b>
WARD:	All
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> Overview summary slide deck BCF Return Excel Document	

### 1 THE ISSUE

1.1 Bath and North East Somerset Council with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) has a statutory duty, through the Health and Wellbeing Board to approve activity related to the Better Care Fund as defined in the requirements of the central Government allocation of these funds. These include a two year narrative and activity plans and quarterly reports throughout the year. The Quarter 2 report is now being submitted and requires approval from the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

**The Board is asked to;**

2.1 Ratify the Quarter 2 return.

### 3 THE REPORT

3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed the proposed plan and narrative explanation for the Better Care Fund prior to submission in June 2023

3.2 This year reporting has been requested by National Partners for Quarter 2 (and expected for Q3 and 4) which requires consultation, agreement, and ratification in line with the agreed governance process.

3.3 The report has been compiled by the Better Care Fund Manager in consultation with relevant senior partners within B&NES Council and ICA, including a

presentation and open discussion where adjustments to the submission were agreed.

- 3.4 Requirements for the submission include reporting against 5 key metrics as outlined on the accompanying slide deck and capacity and demand planning for hospital and community discharge services for the remaining financial year.
- 3.5 Data has been verified via relevant Business Intelligence teams and aligned with other data sets and submissions including the Market Sustainability Improvement Fund and the system led Winter Plan.
- 3.6 The report was approved verbally and by email on 31 October 2023 by Laura Ambler (B&NES ICA Place Director) and Natalia Lachkou (Assistant Director of Integrated Commissioning) and submitted according to the deadline.
- 3.7 It should be noted that Health and Wellbeing Board meetings do not always precisely align with BCF returns. The National BCF guidelines accept that returns may be given approval, via delegated responsibility by officers and can then be given formal approval via the Health and Wellbeing Board both before and after submission.

## **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 The statutory considerations are set out in section 1 of this report.

## **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 5.1 No specific resource implications are identified in this report, as commitments have already been made through previous approvals.

## **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council and ICA's decision making risk management guidance.

## **7 EQUALITIES**

- 7.1 The joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for B&NES is in operation supporting aims to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for low-income households, vulnerable groups, and people with specific accessibility needs. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) has been carried out in relation to the BCF schemes and the schemes have been agreed previously by the HWB to fulfil commitments in the Health and Wellbeing and Inequalities strategies.

## **8 CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 8.1 This report does not directly impact on supporting climate change progress.

## **9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 None

## **10 CONSULTATION**

10.1 Appropriate consultation has taken place in the construction and development of this return as mentioned in 3.3.

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<b>Background papers</b>	
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