

Additional paper to support document ratification at HWB meeting 11th July 2024

B&NES Better Care Fund Planning Addendum Return 24/25

June 2024

Spreadsheet extract

This extract provides an example of one question answered. The spreadsheet includes 13 detailed answers to questions, alongside financial details, funding allocated to each scheme and projected demand and capacity related to discharge pathways.

Section: Narrative: Ensuring BCF funding achieves impact: What is the approach locally to ensuring that BCF plans across all funding sources are used to maximise impact and value for money, with reference to BCF objectives and metrics.

Our local BCF planning is effectively aligned to the strategic longer term development areas within the ICB, with council objectives and with defined review points so there is alignment of all the funding whilst holding in mind a broader prevention agenda. In order to ensure that care is delivered in the right place at the right time the plan continues to ensure focus on the Home is Best approach identified in the 23-25 narrative planning as well as the investment in our development of the Community Wellbeing Hub and the associated connection of services through a digital solution.

Best value is being secured through investment in Cost Benefit solutions to inform direction of travel for future planning. In addition, we continue to enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer with the CWH and understanding broader prevention work needed in the locality including dementia support workers from Age UK and Alzheimer society engaged as partners through the CWH, development of a system of microproviders through our community catalyst scheme, focus on investment in effective Technology Enabled Care and associated infrastructure as well as enhancement of our Unpaid Carers strategy and support. Moreover, wider consideration is given to engagement with the population and ensuring voices are heard with specific additional focus on funding schemes supporting co-production.

Across BSW, several key schemes are in place to deliver care in the right place at the right time, support system pressures faced with flow and pressures managed by Mental Health providers, such as Care Home support, Reablement with a mental health focus, and ICB investment into the SWAST Ambulance Room with a Mental Health practitioner in place, which has already seen a significant improvement in “hear and treat” cases. There are plans in place to expand this service to a 24/7 Mental health Ambulance Control from August 2024, aiming for a reduction in conveyances to hospitals.

In addition, the BSW Mental Health Strategy has recently been rewritten, and is in the processes of being agreed and signed off. There is an ambition for the delivery plan to be written and implemented from early 2025, and the strategy includes a number of significant schemes with the clear intention of integration and supporting the LTP for Mental Health. These include;

- The transformation of all Mental Health community pathways, supporting the early intervention agenda, and improving ease of access to services. This is an integrated approach with core mental health services, the third sector and social care, and older adults
- From March 2025, a BSW Mental Health Ambulance will be launched, commencing in B&NES [informed by population needs analysis]. The delivery and impact will be evaluated in year to inform next steps. The provision will support crisis intervention, and be staffed by Mental Health practitioners and supporting utilisation of places of calm, crisis housing and other interventions to keep people in places of safety rather than transferring to hospital
- AWP are developing their Acute Care Pathway programme to support and improve flow through mental health in patient beds, which are currently seeing high levels of pressure, with approximately 25% occupied by people who are clinically ready for discharge. Strategic plans to support this includes improved exist pathways, with a strong left shift, and strengthening links particularly with housing needs.

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