

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	<b>05 September 2024</b>
TITLE:	<b>Bath and North East Somerset Better Care Fund Quarter 1 National Data Return 24/25</b>
WARD:	All
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> None	

### **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 plan and quarterly reports throughout the year. The Quarter 1 report for financial year 24/25 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 1 return.

### **3 THE REPORT**

3.1 The Better Care Fund plan and associated narrative explanation is governed by the HWB. The current active plan covers the period April 23 – Mar 25 which was approved prior to submission to NHS England in June 2023.

3.2 Quarterly reporting has been requested by NHSE which requires consultation, agreement, and ratification in line with the locality agreed governance process.

3.3 Most recently the 24/25 BCF plan addendum was ratified by HWB on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

- 3.4 Requirements for each of the Quarterly submissions are pre-defined and the BCF manager is provided with templates with prepopulated fixed cells. Each of quarterly returns over the past year have included different requests. Specific locality work and reflections on schemes supported by the Better Care Fund is not within the remit of this return.
- 3.5 This quarterly submission requires spend reporting for the Additional Discharge Fund element of the pooled Better Care Fund, which replaces previous monthly reporting required for this funding element. Some nationally defined scheme types require reporting of outputs, however this does not apply to any of the schemes within the B&NES spending and activity reporting.
- 3.6 The spend and activity reported relates to only the aspects of the BCF planning funded by the Additional Discharge Fund, which the HWB approved in the planning addendum submission in July 2024.
- 3.7 The return should only be considered a partial reflection of activity in these categories across the locality.
- 3.8 The Quarter 1 return has been compiled by the Better Care Fund Manager in consultation with relevant senior partners within B&NES Council and ICA.
- 3.9 The return simply consists of the table below reporting Q1 spending against the pre identified scheme lines with no significant planned spending variations to note:

**Better Care Fund 2024-25 Quarter 1 Reporting Template**

**3. Spend and activity (Discharge Fund only)** [Add new schemes](#) [existing schemes](#)

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board:

Checklist											Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scheme ID	Scheme Name	Brief Description of Scheme	Scheme Type	Sub Types	Source of Funding	Planned Expenditure	Actual Expenditure to date	Planned outputs	Outputs delivered to date (estimate if none)	Unit of Measure	Have there been any implementation issues?	If yes, please briefly describe the issue(s) and any actions that have been/are being implemented as a result.		
102	Care Act Assessments	Resource to Support Completion of Assessments	Integrated Care Planning and Navigation	Assessment teams/joint assessment	Local Authority Discharge Funding	£120,000	£30,000	-	NA		Yes	Recruitment, further consideration to be given to alternative routes of support		
102	Care Journeys/Coordination	Resource to support planning and Co-ordination of care	Integrated Care Planning and Navigation	Support for implementation of anticipatory care	Local Authority Discharge Funding	£101,000	£26,750		NA		No			
102	Home First Pathways	Resource Support for Home First Scheme	High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfer of Care	Home First/Discharge to Assess - process support/core costs	Local Authority Discharge Funding	£279,521	£69,881		NA		No			
102	Home First Pathways	Resource Support for Home First Scheme	High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfer of Care	Home First/Discharge to Assess - process support/core costs	Local Authority Discharge Funding	£57,437	£14,380		NA		No			
102	Discharge Schemes	Community Schemes to support Discharge	Community Based Schemes	Low level support for simple hospital discharges (Discharge to Assess pathway 0)	Local Authority Discharge Funding	£581,639	£145,425	-	NA		No			
103	Discharge Schemes	Community Schemes to support Discharge	Community Based Schemes	Low level support for simple hospital discharges (Discharge to Assess pathway 0)	ICB Discharge Funding	£1,903,384	£455,107	-	NA		No			

- 3.10 Following discussion the return was approved on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 by Laura Ambler (B&NES ICA Place Director), Natalia Lachkou (B&NES Assistant Director of Integrated Commissioning) and Suzanne Westhead (B&NES Director of ASC) and was submitted according to the deadline of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
- 3.11 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 3.10.

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<b>Background papers</b>	
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