



# Better Care Fund

2023 – 25  
Q2 Update – Ratification required

2025 – 27  
Planning



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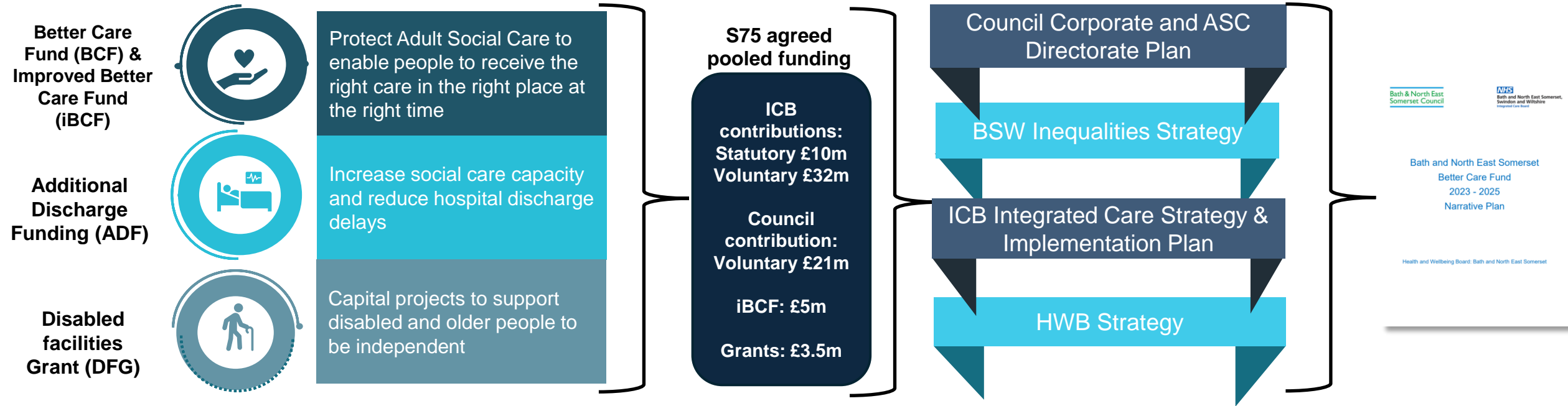
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# BCF Funding Overview



**In current pooled arrangements voluntary contributions are in place due to community contracts, funding utilised for aspects outside this commitment circa £15m**

## BCF requirements – A reminder

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



**BCF** delivers the ongoing commitment of financial support to ASC from the NHS.

The ASC minimum funds longstanding commitments and/or core social care services.

**iBCF** must be spent on social care activity

pooled into BCF and use agreed with ICB. Use of the grant must be transparent to ICBs and in plans.

**Additional Discharge Funding (ADF)**



**ADF** is allocated equally (at national level) across ICBs and LAs. ICBs must agree with councils how they will allocate their portion of the fund to the HWB level plans within their patch.

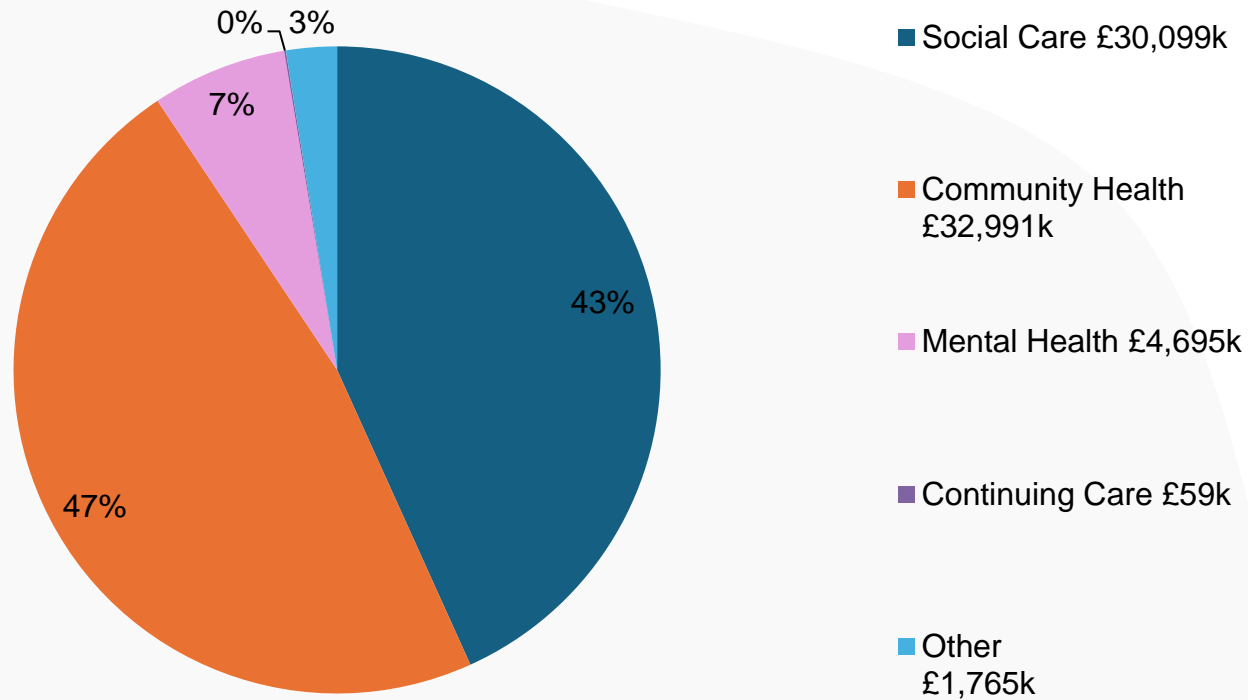
**Disabled facilities Grant (DFG)**



**DFG** is capital funding for home adaptations to help people remain independent at home, or to return home safely after a stay in hospital.

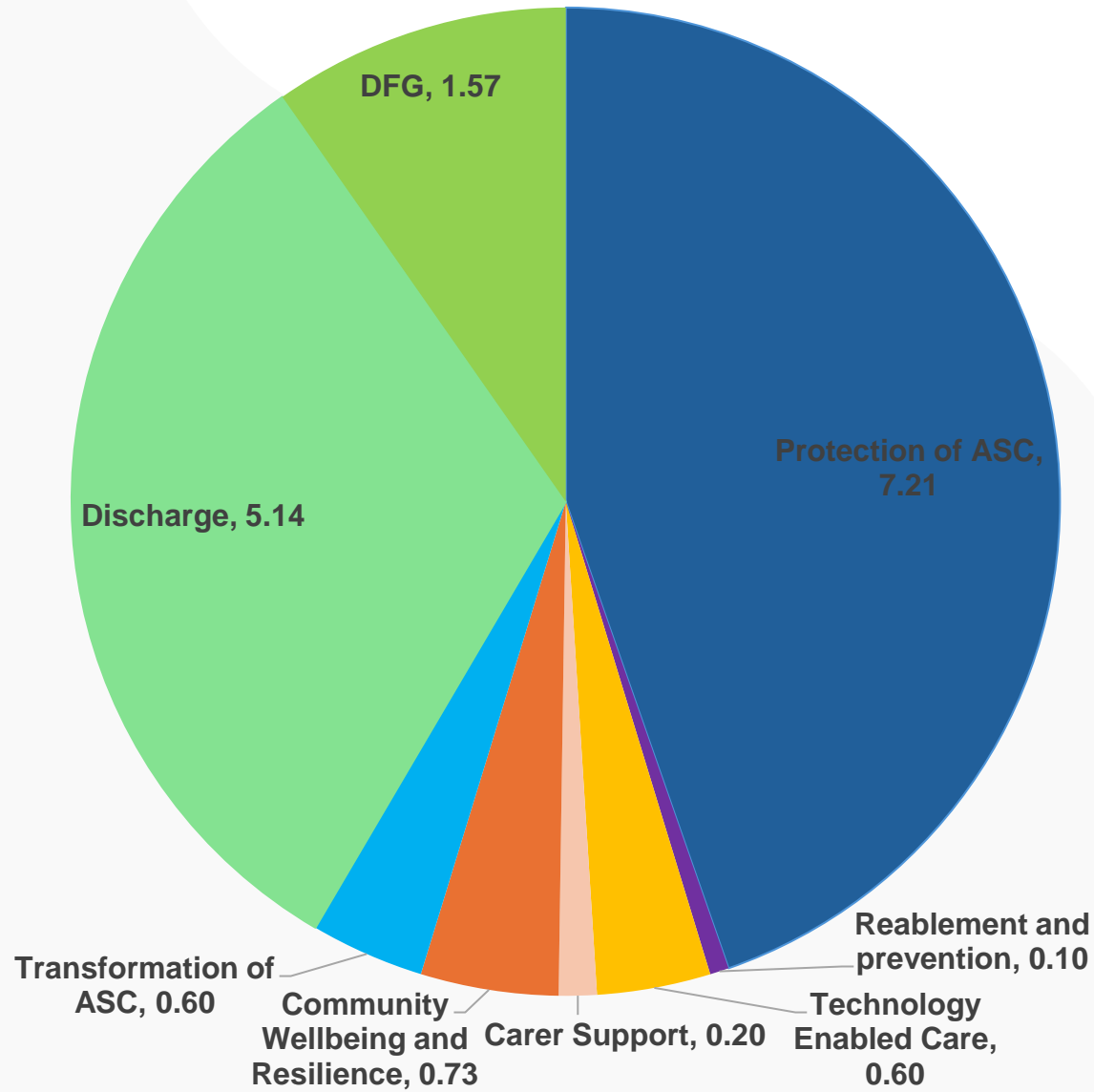
# Funding Overview – Distribution of BCF

24-25 expenditure by scheme type



Community Services (HCRG)	£48,021,427	BCF & VC
Integrated Care and Support	£3,045,578	BCF & OOH
Protection of Social Care & Fair Price of Care	£6,445,994	BCF & iBCF
BCF Strategic Support	£264,266	BCF
Care Act Implementation	£1,390,250	ACT
Disabled Facilities Grant	£1,572,759	DFG
Transformation Funding	£593,143	NHS
BCF Risk Share Contingency	£745,697	NHS
Measured Schemes	£3,845,191	BCF & iBCF
Discharge Grants	£3,049,041	ADF

# Funding Overview excluding block and prime contract (£m)



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# Measured non-recurrent schemes

Strategic Area		2024/5	Source	
<b>Protection of ASC</b>	Brokerage	£376,151	iBCF	Providing capacity within ASC
	Integration Programme (BSW Care Skills Partnership)	£15,000	iBCF	
	Additional homecare support	£375,000	ADF (C)	
	Block contract HCRG protection of ASC	£6,445,994	iBCF/BCF	
<b>Transformation</b>	Transformation of ASC	£600,000	iBCF	Enabling the development provision and providing capacity within ASC and community health
<b>Carers</b>	Carers Strategy development	£185,000	iBCF	Co-production inc carer strategy and development of associated support (inc Adults with LD and transition)
	Parent Carer Forum - Transition to adulthood	£15,000	iBCF	
<b>Reablement and prevention</b>	Pemberley Place	£50,000	iBCF	Enabling recovery and reduction in use of care and readmission to bedded settings
	Minor Adaptations additional	£50,000	ADF (C)	
	DFGs (and minor adaptations)	£1,572,759	DFG	
<b>Community</b>	Community Catalyst Micro Provider	£75,000	iBCF	Admission avoidance and neighbourhood development inc. Community Wellbeing Hub development and Third Sector support
	Healthwatch	£49,500	BCF	
	Community Wellbeing Hub development	£529,000	BCF	
	3SG	£75,000	BCF	
<b>TEC</b>	TEC development programme	£600,000	iBCF	Supporting adults to remain at home for longer, with greater independence and reduction in overall care costs
<b>Discharge and flow</b>	Home From Hospital Clean and Clutter	£50,000	BCF	Enabling effective and timely discharge to usual place of residence, with the right support to remain at home for longer
	Flow support - Trusted Assessors	£146,997	iBCF/BCF	
	Individual Hospital Discharge Fund	£20,000	ADF (ICB)	
	ART+ (Additional reablement service led by RUH)	£200,000	ADF (ICB)	
	Interim homecare	£1,714,000	ADF (ICB)	
	Care Act Assessment - discharge focus	£120,000	ADF (C)	
	Care Journey Coordinators	£107,000	ADF (C)	
	Dorothy House EOL Discharge Support (flow lead)	£25,000	ADF (ICB)	
	D2A Care Home Beds and GP cover	£2,234,000	ADF (ICB)	
	Community Equipment support (inc store and driver)	£187,000	ADF (ICB/C)	
	Home First HCRG and RUH support	£336,000	ADF (C)	
	Bath Mind ED Adults and Support Planning for MH	£141,000	ICB	

## Community Wellbeing Hub



### A resident's story – 'What matters most'

#### How the Community Wellbeing Hub is enabling connected care

A person 74 years known to the Black and Ethnic Minority Senior Citizen Association (BEMSCA). BEMSCA were concerned about the person's memory, they had become increasingly frail and had missed several medical appointments. BEMSCA spoke to the person to ask if they would be willing for a referral to be made to the Ageing Well Team. The team is made up of the ICB Frailty Nurse supported by the Community Wellbeing Hub partners (Age UK, Carers, BEMSCA, Village Agents and HCRG Care Group).

The Team visited the person to discuss what mattered most to them. The person had chronic pain due to osteoporosis, they wanted to get the pain under control and increase their social activities.

Referrals were made via the CWH to:

- ReMIND UK for dementia / cognitive impairment assessment.
- Contacted the GP regarding pain control.
- Curo Independent living service.
- Age UK Memory Club.

The Village Agents provided a follow up visit to help with diary planning and managing future appointments. The GP was also informed of the person's memory issues and asked to call in advance to remind them about their appointment.

The patient has been supported to remain at home, with the support that matters to them most in place.

#### Access to interim care

Wait= 2 days max, majority same day  
Package cost and care supply managed to deliver volume and maintain NCTR

#### ASC Assessments

Reduction in longest wait for discharge assessment from 136 days to 34 days (end Q2)

#### DFG

84 housing adaptations completed so far through the DFG in 24/25

#### Carers

New co-produced carers strategy in action. 383 carers actively engaged in process and next steps

#### EOL Discharge support

207 referrals in Q1 and 2(143 in 23/24) supporting swift discharge and onward EOL care

#### Community microenterprise

37 new enterprises created, enhancing provision for self-directed support and diversity of support on offer

#### TA & Flow Support

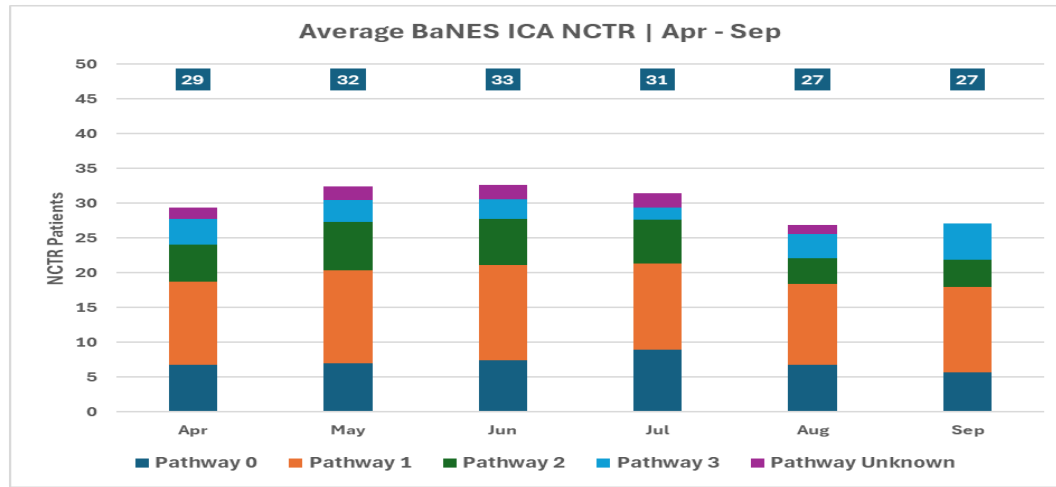
TA waiting time maintained at 1 day (down from 8 days prior to scheme)

#### Community Wellbeing Hub

2133 service users referred to CWH in Q1and 2, 145% increase c.f. 23/24

# Outcomes and Impact – Q2 National Return

National Metric 1 Avoidable Admissions		National Metric 2 Discharge to normal place of residence		National Metric 3 Falls admissions (65+)		National Metric 4 Rate of residential admissions (65+)	
152	122.9	91.5%	91.4%	1926	404.5	642/100k	426/100k
On track		On track		On track		On track	



Capacity and Demand	Spend against plan
Overall capacity meeting demand, some increase in community reablement being well managed. Winter planning building on last year's successes	49.75%
On track	On track

- ✓ Maintaining a strong No Criteria To Reside position in B&NES
- ✓ Urgent 2-hour response exceeding plan
- ✓ Continuing Length of Stay reduction
- ✓ High levels of satisfaction from people using social care



# B&NES BCF Quarter 2 24/25 Programme Update

## Summary Activity & Impact Q2 2024



Overall the BCF programme has good mix of on-going and transformational projects and programmes which is promoting the funding of preventative activity while also protecting the provision of adult social care



The governance is being continually developed, all returns have been to schedule with 23/24 Planning Addendum approved by HWB and National Assurance team (July 24), Q1 and Q2 return submitted (July 24 and Oct 24)



Further conversation is needed about aligned decision making and routes of discussion and reporting, as we work through the impacts of Evolve and the Council commissioning review programmes e.g. Developing contract variation processes

**Impact:** BCF continues to be a high impact programme, serving the B&NES community well supporting the availability, development and design of care and wellbeing support and fulfilling national priorities

**Risks:** Anticipated national policy direction and funding indication for next cycle 2025-2027

**Opportunities:** **Transformation** of Technology Enabled Care and innovation, Excellence in Carers support, **Prevention** and **early intervention** through third sector and community offer, **Diversity and Inclusion** to improve population outcomes

# B&NES BCF Planning 2025-2027

