

Ongoing Reporting

Our proposed changes to the BCF reporting process in 2025-26 are designed to:

- a. enable local authority and NHS partners focus on the achievement of outcomes, supporting meaningful planning and adapting services and resource allocations where needed.
- b. ensure that nationally, we are able to gain clearer insights into the performance of local areas, including being able to better identify, more quickly, those areas who are performing well and those who are facing challenges.
- c. reduce overall burdens, with a focus on collecting genuinely useful data and information.

Reporting will commence in Q1 of 2025 and each HWB area will be expected to submit a signed off report to the national Better Care Fund team.

Further details on the reporting requirements will be shared with local areas ahead of 2025-26.

Quarter	Template available to HWB areas	Signed off HWB submission date
Quarter 1	16 June 2025	15 August 2025
Quarter 2	15 September 2025	31 October 2025
Quarter 3	15 December 2025	30 January 2026
End of Year	12 March 2026	29 May 2026

All templates will be available on the Better Care Exchange

HWB submissions once signed off must be emailed to the national Better Care Fund team england.bettercarefundteam@nhs.net and to the regional Better Care Manager by noon on the submission date.

