

	<u>Agenda Item: 13</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	9th May 2024
TITLE:	BETTER CARE FUND QUARTER 3 UPDATE
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Richard Doidge

Report Type:	Approval
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1. Purpose:

- 1.1.** To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the activities of the Better Care Fund, following the Quarter 3 submission.

2. Implications (tick all that apply):

Creating a Bolder, Healthier, City (2022-2030) – Strategic Priorities	Closing the Gap (Inequalities)	
	Theme 1: Healthy and Affordable Food	
	Theme 2: Mental Wellness and Balance	X
	Theme 3: Active at Every Age and Ability	X
	Theme 4: Contributing to a Green and Sustainable Future	
	Theme 5: Protect and Detect	
	Getting the Best Start in Life	
	Living, Working and Learning Well	
	Ageing and Dying Well	X
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		

3. Recommendation

- 3.1.** To note the activity of the Birmingham Better Care Fund and provide accountable body approval for the Q3 return.

4. Report Body

Following discussion at the BCF Programme Board and approval for the BCF Commissioning Executive, Birmingham submitted the Better Care Fund Quarter 3 return to NHS England on schedule. Attached to this cover report are PDF extracts of the submitted return document. Health and Well-being Board is the statutory accountable body for the BCF. As such NHS England (NHSE) require formal approval for BCF planning and monitoring returns from Health and Well-being Boards.

Update from last report

- Financial pressures on the BCF remain, due to an overspend on the EICT contract for home care discharge. The working group, established to transform the performance and efficiency of the EICT workstream, has been developing and implementing a series of actions to reduce the impact of this, and to transform the operational performance.
- Progress in the first few months of the group's work are positive, with length of stay, transfers and assessments all moving in a positive direction. This is in turn showing a positive reduction in the associated costs of the service.
- The BCF Board has considered an application for funding for a Single Handed Care programme, which if implemented will also help to significantly mitigate the pressures on the EICT service.
- A revised BCF plan for 2024/25 is being developed, which will be submitted once deadlines and templates have been received from the national Better Care Fund Team. (Addendum: BCF Planning Requirements have now been received. A revised Financial Template must be submitted by 10 June 2024. This will be taken to the BCF Commissioning Executive prior to approval. Final approval will be required from the H&WBB)

Summary of the BCF Q3 Return:

- Avoidable admissions (unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions) currently not on track to meet the national target, however levels are dropping. We have conducted a deep dive analysis onto the contributing factors for this, showing which localities contribute disproportionately to this metric. In addition, the specific conditions of asthma and COPD have been identified as disproportionately contributory factors responsible for higher admissions.
- In response to this, we took a targeted approach to tackling this for the remainder of the performance year, and will continue to track forward into 2024/25.
- Discharge to normal place of residence (percentage of people who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of residence) is on track to achieve target.
- Falls target (Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over) is on track to achieve target.
- Residential admissions (rate of permanent admissions to residential care homes per 100,000 population) is on track to achieve target.

- Reablement (proportion of older people who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement or rehabilitation services) is also on track to achieve target

5. Compliance Issues

5.1. HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

- 5.1.1. The Birmingham Better Care Fund team will provide regular updates to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5.2. Management Responsibility

- 5.2.1. Mike Walsh (Head of Service – Commissioning, Adult Social Care, Birmingham City Council)

5.3. Finance Implications

- 5.3.1. The BCF is sourced from ring-fenced budgets from the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) allocations, and funding paid directly to local authorities.

5.4. Legal Implications

- 5.4.1. The BCF requires Integrated Care Boards (ICB's) and local government to agree a joint plan, owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), governed by an agreement under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006.

5.5. Equalities Implications (Public Sector Equality Duty)

- 5.5.1. The BCF Plan adheres to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Birmingham BCF Q3 Return