

	<u>Agenda Item: 14</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	18th July 2023
TITLE:	BETTER CARE FUND – END OF YEAR RETURN 2022/23
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Michael Walsh

Report Type:	Approval
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1. Purpose:

1.1. To approve the Birmingham Better Care Fund – End of Year Return for 2022/23

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	
	Theme 3: Active at Every Age and Ability	✓
	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	✓
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		

3. Recommendation

3.1. To approve the Birmingham Better Care Fund – End of Year Return for 2022/23

4. Report Body

Background

- 4.1. Each year the health and social care system is required to submit a Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan to outline the areas of priority for the year ahead, the areas of income into the fund and the planned expenditure, as well as setting performance targets against the BCF Metrics.
- 4.2. For 2022/23 Birmingham set bold ambitions to utilise the BCF as a pooled/aligned fund to deliver the Early Intervention Programme and bring together funding from across the health and social care system. This was a focused-on transparency, development and joint commissioning for the improved outcomes of citizens. With the focus on no wrong door and for support to be provided at the right time, at the right place for the citizen.
- 4.3. The End of Year report highlights that the pressure has remained on services since Covid-19 and that demand within services and acutes hospitals remain high, this impacted on the metrics and performance:
 - For all on the metrics there has been significant progress but there is still further work to be completed and the performance against the targets evidence this.
 - Avoidable admissions – significant increase in admissions during the winter period affected performance
 - Discharge to normal place of residence - 0.1% below target
 - Residential admissions – there was a data reporting issue in previous years which makes comparison difficult. Admissions into long-term residential care are reported at 653.9 per 100,000 population, which represents an ongoing reduction from a high point during the pandemic
 - Reablement – target achieved for 80% of citizens discharged (65 and over) were still home 91 days after discharged with an end of year figure of 80.8%
- 4.4. The combined financial value for the BCF Plan for 2022/23 was £222,456,622, this includes the required minimum contribution from the Integrated Care Board of £97,901,719. The plan also confirms that the minimum contribution of £38,830,118 towards Adult Social Care provision has also been achieved.
- 4.5. There was also in year additional investment into the Better Care Fund through the announcement of the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund which allocated Birmingham an additional £8,910,913 to provide additional provision to support discharges and increase flow into hospitals. This is reflected in the overall summary above.
- 4.6. Overall, 2022/23 enabled further development and integration of health and social care services and funding for Birmingham. Providing better services and improved outcomes for the citizens of Birmingham.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1. HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

5.1.1. The Better Care Fund Plan has been monitored through the Better Care Fund Commissioning Executive. A key focus of the Commissioning Executive is to take a whole system approach to maximise the investment of any schemes funded under the BCF.

5.2. Management Responsibility

5.2.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are ultimately responsible for the Better Care Fund providing strategic direction and decision making as required utilising the Better Care Fund Commissioning Executive.

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Birmingham Better Care Fund End of Year Return 2022/23

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:

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