

Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 2 Quarterly Reporting Template

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Has this report been signed off by (or on behalf of) the HWB at the time of submission?	No	
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2. Cover	Yes
3. National Conditions	Yes
4. Metrics	Yes
5.1 C&D Guidance & Assumptions	Yes
5.2 C&D Hospital Discharge	Yes
5.3 C&D Community	Yes

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3. National Conditions

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Has the section 75 agreement for your BCF plan been finalised and signed off?	No
If it has not been signed off, please provide the date the section 75 agreement is expected to be signed off	01/01/2024

Confirmation of National Conditions		
National Conditions	Confirmation	If the answer is "No" please provide an explanation as to why the condition was not met in the quarter:
1) Jointly agreed plan	Yes	
2) Implementing BCF Policy Objective 1: Enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer	Yes	
3) Implementing BCF Policy Objective 2: Providing the right care in the right place at the right time	Yes	
4) Maintaining NHS's contribution to adult social care and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services	Yes	

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4. Metrics

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National data may be unavailable at the time of reporting. As such, please use data that may only be available system-wide and other local intelligence.

Challenges and Support Needs Please describe any challenges faced in meeting the planned target, and please highlight any support that may facilitate or ease the achievements of metric plans

Achievements Please describe any achievements, impact observed or lessons learnt when considering improvements being pursued for the respective metrics

Metric	Definition	For information - Your planned performance as reported in 2023-24 planning				For information - actual performance for Q1	Assessment of progress against the metric plan for the reporting period	Challenges and any Support Needs	Achievements - including where BCF funding is supporting improvements.
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
Avoidable admissions	Unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions (NHS Outcome Framework indicator 2.3i)	302.8	291.7	330.2	310.9	368.0	Not on track to meet target	Asthma admissions have not reduced below winter levels (previous 2 quarters) and are higher than the same period 22/23. Eplispy admissions were at the highest this quarter across the pas 15 months.	Whilst ACSC admissions were above plan in each of the first 3 months of this financial year, in Jul23, they have fallen below the plan.
Discharge to normal place of residence	Percentage of people who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of residence	94.4%	94.8%	94.3%	93.3%	94.56%	On track to meet target	The Quarter 1 plan has been met.	Qtr 1 performance is higher than across Qtr1 in the previous 2 years.
Falls	Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over directly age standardised rate per 100,000.				2,212.2	507.4	On track to meet target	The Falls Quarter 1 plan has been achieved and is currently on plan for July 23.	Local monitoring is now in place to count monthly Falls as per BCF/Fingertips definition to keep full track of latest position.
Residential Admissions	Rate of permanent admissions to residential care per 100,000 population (65+)				679		On track to meet target	Permanent admissions to residential care are currently below the numbers (and rate) planned at this stage in the year according to local monitoring. However, the numbers are subject to monthly updates (upwards), so the final reported position at year end may change.	Local monitoring is in place with monthly updates to report latest position. Increasing support for people who do fund their own care.
Reablement	Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services				80.4%		Data not available to assess progress	This remains challenging in being able to accurately report on this target but data and information sharing have improved to enable better reporting	No local monitoring in place.

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Better Care Fund 2023-24 Capacity & Demand Refresh

5. Capacity & Demand

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board:

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5.1 Assumptions

1. How have your estimates for capacity and demand changed since the plan submitted in June? Please include how learning from the last 6 months was used to arrive at refreshed projections?	We have reviewed our forecast for demand across a number of areas in the plan. We have noted the actual demand for P2 beds from hospital discharges over the first two quarters and have identified that this wa
2. Please outline assumptions used to arrive at refreshed projections (including to optimise length of stay in intermediate care and to reduce overprescription of care). Please also set out your rationale for trends in demand for the next 6 months (e.g how have you accounted for demand over winter?)	Demand: In respect of demand for P2 beds we have assumed that demand for the winter period will be in excess of the actual demand recorded during the first 2 quarters - which has been an average of 306 referrals per mo
Capacity:	At present we have assumed that the currently commissioned capacity will be adequate - although contingency plans are in place to increase capacity if required from January onwards. A further review of the plan
3. What impact have your planned interventions to improve capacity and demand management for 2023-24 had on your refreshed figures? Has this impact been accounted for in your refreshed plan?	Increased forecast demand for Reablement and Rehabilitation at home from the community reflects a planned community pathway to prevent hospital discharges.
4. Do you have any capacity concerns or specific support needs to raise for the winter ahead?	We have not planned to surge P2 beds to the same levels as the past 3 winters. This will be monitored on an ongoing basis.
5. Please outline any issues you encountered with data quality (including unavailable, missing, unreliable data).	No specific data issues have been identified. Systems are in place to track and report on demand and capacity.
6. Where projected demand exceeds capacity for a service type, what is your approach to ensuring that people are supported to avoid admission to hospital or to enable discharge?	As noted in Q2, there is likely to be increased demand for P2 beds over the coming months. Plans are being mobilised for an additional 20 beds if required from January onwards.

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Guidance on completing this sheet is set out below, but should be read in conjunction with the separate guidance and question & answer document

5.1 Assumptions

The assumptions box has been updated and is now a set of specific narrative questions. Please answer all questions in relation to both hospital discharge and community sections of the capacity and demand template.

You should reflect changes to understanding of demand and available capacity for admissions avoidance and hospital discharge since the completion of the original BCF plans, including

- actual demand in the first 6/7 months of the year
- modelling and agreed changes to services as part of Winter planning or following the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund announcement
- Data from the Community Bed Audit
- Impact to date of new or revised intermediate care services or work to change the profile of discharge pathways.

5.2 and 5.3 Summary Tables

The tables at the top of the next two tabs show a direct comparison of the demand and capacity for each area, by showing = (capacity) - (demand). These figures are pre-populated from the previous template as well as calculating new refreshed figures as you complete the template below. **Negative figures show insufficient capacity and positive figures show that capacity exceeds demand.**

5.2 Demand - Hospital Discharge

This section requires the Health & Wellbeing Board to record their refreshed expectations of monthly demand for supported discharge by discharge pathway.

Data from the previous capacity and demand plans will be auto-populated, split by trust referral source. You will be able to enter your refreshed number of expected discharges from each trust alongside these. The first table may include some extra rows to allow for areas who are recording demand from a larger number of referral sources. If this does not apply to your area, please ignore the extra lines.

This section in the previous template asked for expected demand for rehabilitation and reablement as two separate figures. It was found that, by and large, this did not work well for areas so the prepopulated figures for these service types have been combined into one row. Please enter your refreshed expectations for rehabilitation and reablement as one total figure as well.

Virtual wards should not be included in intermediate care capacity because they represent acute, rather than intermediate, care. Where recording a virtual ward as a referral source, please select the relevant trust from the list.

From the capacity and demand plans collected in June 2023, it emerged that some areas had difficulty with estimating demand and capacity for Pathway 0 (social support). By social support, we are referring to lower level support provided outside of formal rehabilitation and reablement or domiciliary care. This is often provided by the voluntary and community sector. Demand estimates for this service type should only include discharges on Pathway 0 that require some level of commissioned low-level support and not all discharges on Pathway 0. If it is not possible to estimate figures in relation to this please put 0 rather than defaulting to all Pathway 0 discharges.

5.2 Capacity - Hospital Discharge

This section collects refreshed expectations of capacity for services to support people being discharged from acute hospital. You should input the expected available capacity to support discharge across these different service types:

- Social support (including VCS) (pathway 0)
- Reablement & Rehabilitation at home (pathway 1)
- Short term domiciliary care (pathway 1)
- Reablement & Rehabilitation in a bedded setting (pathway 2)
- Short-term residential/nursing care for someone likely to require a longer-term care home placement (pathway 3)

The recently published Intermediate Care Framework sets out guidance on improving capacity, and use of this capacity. You should refer to this in developing your refreshed BCF Capacity and Demand plans.

As with the 2023-24 template, please consider the below factors in determining the capacity calculation. Typically, this will be (Caseload*days in month*max occupancy percentage)/average duration of service or length of stay.

Caseload (No. of people who can be looked after at any given time).

Average stay (days) - The average length of time that a service is provided to people, or average length of stay in a bedded facility.

Please consider using median or mode for Length of Stay where there are significant outliers.

Peak Occupancy (percentage) - What was the highest levels of occupancy expressed as a percentage? This will usually apply to residential units, rather than care in a person's own home. For services in a person's own home then this would need to take into account how many people, on average, that can be provided with services.

The template now asks for the amount of capacity you expect to secure through spot purchasing. This should be capacity that is additional to the main estimate of commissioned/contracted capacity (i.e. the spot purchased figure should not be included in the commissioned capacity figure). This figure should represent capacity that your local area is confident it can spot-purchase and is affordable, recognising that it may impact on people's outcomes and is unlikely to be best value for money and local areas will be working to reduce this area of spend in the longer term.

5.3 Demand - Community

This section collects refreshed expectations of demand for intermediate care services from community sources, such as multi-disciplinary teams, single points of access or 111. As with the previous template, referrals are not collected by source, and you should input an overall estimate each month for the number of people requiring intermediate care or short term care (non-discharge) each month, split by different type of intermediate care.

Further detail on definitions is provided in Appendix 2 of the 2023-25 Planning Requirements.

The units can simply be the number of referrals.

As with all other sections, figures from the 2023-24 template will be auto-populated into this section.

5.3 Capacity - Community

This section collects refreshed expectations of capacity for community services. You should input the expected available capacity across health and social care for different service types. As with the hospital discharge sheet, data entered in the assured BCF plan template has been prepopulated for reference. You should include expected available capacity across these service types for eligible referrals from community sources. This should cover all service intermediate care services to support recovery, including Urgent Community Response and VCS support. The template is split into these types of service:

Social support (including VCS)

Urgent Community Response

Reablement & Rehabilitation at home

Reablement & Rehabilitation in a bedded setting

Other short-term social care

Please see the guidance on 'Demand – Hospital Discharge' for information on why the capacity and demand estimates for rehabilitation and reablement services is now being collected as one combined figure. Please consider the below factors in determining the capacity calculation. Typically this will be $(\text{Caseload} \times \text{days in month} \times \text{max occupancy percentage}) / \text{average duration of service or length of stay}$.

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Community	Previous plan					Refreshed capacity surplus:					
	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	
Capacity - Demand (positive is Surplus)											
Social support (including VCS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urgent Community Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reablement & Rehabilitation at home	6	45	6	88	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reablement & Rehabilitation in a bedded setting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other short-term social care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Capacity - Community		Prepopulated from plan:					Please enter refreshed expected capacity:				
Service Area	Metric	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
Social support (including VCS)	Monthly capacity. Number of new clients.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Urgent Community Response	Monthly capacity. Number of new clients.	1630	1685	1788	1673	1787	1630	1685	1788	1673	1787
Reablement & Rehabilitation at home	Monthly capacity. Number of new clients.	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
Reablement & Rehabilitation in a bedded setting	Monthly capacity. Number of new clients.	7	10	5	5	8	7	10	5	5	8
Other short-term social care	Monthly capacity. Number of new clients.	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	5

Demand - Community		Prepopulated from plan:					Please enter refreshed expected no. of referrals:				
Service Type		Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
Social support (including VCS)		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Urgent Community Response		1630	1685	1788	1673	1787	1630	1685	1788	1673	1787
Reablement & Rehabilitation at home		394	355	394	312	381	400	400	400	400	400
Reablement & Rehabilitation in a bedded setting		7	10	5	5	8	7	10	5	5	8
Other short-term social care		2	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	5

Checklist

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