

Dorset Health & Wellbeing Board

20th March 2024

Better Care Fund Plan for 2023-2025 : Quarter 3 Reporting Template & Case Study
Retrospective Approval



The Better Care Fund: 2023-2025

- To date, during 2023/24 HWB have received, and ratified:
 - BCF Plan for 2023-25
 - Quarter 2 2023/24 Quarterly Reporting Template.
- The next assurance check, for retrospective approval, is Quarter 3 reporting, and the introduction of a Case Study.
- BCF Policy Objectives echo our local shared priorities:
 - Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
 - Provide the right care, in the right place, at the right time
- BCF Policy Framework continues in line with previous years;
 - National Conditions must be met
 - Set national performance metrics
- The BCF provides Dorset with total funding of c.£146m in 2023-24.



Quarter 3 Reporting

- The Quarter 3 Quarterly Report is in two parts, Appendix A that consists of several elements:
 - Confirmation that National Conditions are being implemented
 - Reporting of local performance against the BCF Metrics in Q1 and Q2, and challenges and achievements in Q3.
 - Actual expenditure and outputs to date against Spend and Activity plans submitted in the initial 2023-25 submission.
- In addition, for Quarter 3, areas were required to submit a Case Study on BCF scheme.
- BCF Metrics track:

- Avoidable Admissions

- Rate of Permanent Admissions to Residential Care

- Discharge to Normal Place of Residence

- Reablement outcomes after 91 days of discharge

- Falls

Performance against our Metrics

- **Targets on track:**

- Discharge to Normal Place of Residence
- Falls

Performance is challenged in the following areas:

(all targets under close review by Dorset NHS & Adult Social Care as business as usual)

Avoidable Admissions

- Increased demand during first 6 months of 2023/24 – 6% increase
- New model of ‘Front Door’ support tested over winter - initial impact positive, close monitoring ongoing

Rate of Permanent Admissions to Residential Care

- Performance shows improvement against Q2 position - close monitoring continues

Older People remaining at home 91 days after discharge with reablement.

- The availability of therapy support continues to challenge our ambitions for Reablement in Dorset
- However, Discharge to Assess (D2A) offer is enabling more people to be supported home, such as via the improvements made over the last year to broadened our Reablement offer using our Trusted Providers. This performance will be included in this metric for Q4 reporting.

Spend & Activity

- This quarter focus was on Spend & Activity rather than Demand & Capacity
- The return requires reporting of progress against our planned activity and spend - most of the Schemes reported against were Local Authority led.
- Performance of schemes is on track in all areas, and indeed exceeding forecasts in Assistive Technology and Equipment, and also Homecare - this is due to the enhancements made in Dorset's D2A approach.

Case Study – Home First Accelerator

- Case Study (Appendix B) was required to provide example of how BCF monies are invested.
- Home First Accelerator is a robust programme of activity to redesign the social care out-of-hospital provision as part of the developing ICS Intermediate Care strategy
- Sits alongside a wider plan of action around developing the provider market in homecare
- Great example of how we are working together as Health and Social Care Partners to improve outcomes for Dorset Residents.

Recommendation to HWB Today

As outlined in the report:

1. To retrospectively approve the Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter 3 2023/24 Quarterly Reporting Return (Appendix A & B).