

Dorset Health & Wellbeing Board

15th November 2023

Better Care Fund Plan for 2023-2025 : Quarter 2 Reporting Template
Retrospective Approval

The Better Care Fund: 2023-2025

- At the last meeting of HWB in September the BCF Plan for 2023-25 was ratified.
- On 25 September NHS England confirmed in writing that, following regional assurance, Dorset's plan has been approved.
- 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 2 Reporting

- The Quarter 2 Quarterly Report is a single document (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
 - Narrative against Capacity and Demand Assumptions
 - Refresh of Capacity and Demand Data for November 23 to March 24

- BCF Metrics track:
 - Avoidable Admissions
 - Discharge to Normal Place of Residence
 - Falls
 - Rate of Permanent Admissions to Residential Care
 - Reablement outcomes after 91 days of discharge

Performance against our Metrics

- **Targets on track:**

Avoidable Admissions, Discharge to Normal Place of Residence & Falls

- Collaborative working across ICS Partners is key to meeting targets – working in communities to support & manage long term conditions
- Work underway with the development of Out of Hospital Integrated Care Framework, and continued development of Home First model is how we will continue to promote and support people to regain and maintain independence.

- **Targets not on track for:**

Rate of Permanent Admissions to Residential Care

- Tracking of only new admissions – does not account for overall movement in care home population
- Despite stabilising of homecare capacity, admissions are higher than expected.
- Analysis shows DC funded population remains stable and Care Home population is approx. 85%
- This indicates greater movement through beds and forecasts expect the length of stay data to begin to also reduce
- Admissions arise from Community (home), discharge and capital depletion
- Capital depletion is an area of close monitoring for the Council

- **Targets not on track for:**

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

- Maintaining performance in line with Yr End position 22/23– 79% against 85% target
- The availability of therapy support continues to challenge our ambitions for Reablement in Dorset
- Collaborative work across the System is ongoing, with proposals in train to attract therapists
- We continue to utilise bedded Reablement as a ‘Step Down’ before home to support a journey of recovery to more resilient independence, reducing re-admission risks.

Capacity & Demand

- Discharge to Assess is enabling more people to return home
- Local home care market is recovering and now offering market sufficiency – enabling improved pathway flow
- We have refreshed our Capacity and Demand modelling, an initial meeting has taken place with the National Team re additional support requested.
- Q2 report offers assurance that whilst winter will be a challenge, BCF plans evidence we are prepared to respond to pressures.

Recommendation to HWB Today

As outlined in the report:

1. To retrospectively approve the Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter 2 2023/24 Quarterly Reporting Template.