

# **Dorset Health & Wellbeing Board**

**21<sup>st</sup> June 2023**

**Better Care Fund Year End Report 2022/23**



# The Better Care Fund – A Quick Reminder

- BCF is a key funding stream for all local systems
- In Dorset for 2022/23 it provided the Council and NHS with total of c£144m (which included late arrival of £4.5m via Adult Social Care Discharge Fund)
- All BCF plans are co-produced between Council and Dorset NHS
- There are set mandatory conditions for investment of the monies and Performance Metrics
- 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
- In addition to submitting annual plans for proposed spending, a year end summary is required. This was submitted under delegated authority on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, pending HWB approval today.

# Our Performance against BCF Metrics

## ➤ Targets met for:

### **Avoidable Admissions & Discharge to Normal Place of Residence**

Recent introductions of Immedicare, recovery focussed block contracted home care (RCR) and Trusted Assessor Service are key in enabling achievement.

Opportunities to broaden Immedicare to all care homes and extended to Home Care providers. RCR is a key area for future ICB/BCF investment.

## ➤ Target not met:

### ▪ **Rate of Permanent Admissions to Residential Care**

- Like many other ICBs, care home placements were required on discharge due to lack of homecare during quarters one to three of 22/23
- Since the last 6 weeks of quarter four of 2022/23 there was an improving picture in homecare availability
- Home First Accelerator Programme in place; this will include improving reablement offer and optimise home care capacity

## ➤ Below target for:

- **Reablement Performance** - % of people who remained at home after 91 days following hospital discharge support by Reablement  
Target was 85%, actual was 79%
- Attributed to the Council's transfer of provision to new Local Authority Company - The pre and post transition period caused some difficulties in gathering data, which has led to reporting lower than expected performance.
- Care Dorset action plan in place. Performance at the end of quarter 4 of 2022/23 was rising to meet the forecast.
- Improvement expected for 2023/24.

# What's Next for 2023-2025 Plan

- 2023-2025 Plan will be brought to the next HWB meeting; currently finalising initial planning activity as Dorset's ICB – a 2 year planning round is opportunity to plan expansion of BCF
- Key focus on demonstrating how the Integrated Care Partnership, in particular Thriving Communities, links to the BCF
- Priority areas for our planning and programme for 2023-2025:
  - Widening scope to All Age Commissioning; starting with All Age Carers development and joint commissioning arrangements to deliver Birth to Settled Adulthood
  - Additional investments in BCF around Home First / Intermediate Care
  - Budget building in line with new Schemes agreed

# Recommendations to HWB Today

As outlined in the report:

1. To retrospectively approve the Better Care Fund (BCF) End of Year Template for 2022/23