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Better Care Fund 2025-26 Q1 Reporting Template

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Has this report been signed off by (or on behalf of) the HWB Chair at the time of submission? (Please provide name of HWB Chair)	No	
If no, please indicate when the report is expected to be signed off:	Wed 24/09/2025	<< Please enter using the format, DD/MM/YYYY

Checklist

Complete:

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

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3. National Conditions

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board: Dorset

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 section 75 agreement expected to be signed off	30/09/25
If a section 75 agreement has not been agreed please outline outstanding actions in agreeing this.	We are in the process of updating our new agreement, buidling additional elements, such as risk share agreements to ensure we have a robust arrangement fit for future working arrangements.

Confirmation of Nation Conditions		
National Condition	Confirmation	If the answer is "No" please provide an explanation as to why the condition was not met in the quarter and mitigating actions underway to support compliance with the condition:
1) Plans to be jointly agreed	Yes	
2) Implementing the objectives of the BCF	Yes	
3) Complying with grant and funding conditions, including maintaining the NHS minimum contribution to adult social care (ASC)	Yes	
4) Complying with oversight and support processes	Yes	

Checklist

Complete:

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

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4. Metrics for 2025-26

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board:

Dorset

For metrics time series and more details:

[BCF dashboard link](#)

For metrics handbook and reporting schedule:

[BCF 25/26 Metrics Handbook](#)

4.1 Emergency admissions

Actuals + Original Plan		Apr 24 Actual	May 24 Actual	Jun 24 Actual	Jul 24 Actual	Aug 24 Actual	Sep 24 Actual	Oct 24 Actual	Nov 24 Actual	Dec 24 Actual	Jan 25 Actual	Feb 25 Actual	Mar 25 Actual
Emergency admissions to hospital for people aged 65+ per 100,000 population	Rate	1,457.9	1,522.0	1,432.2	1,479.2	1,539.1	1,393.7	1,581.8	1,436.5	1,547.6	1,522.0	1,346.7	1,398.0
	Number of Admissions 65+	1,705	1,780	1,675	1,730	1,800	1,630	1,850	1,680	1,810	1,780	1,575	1,635
	Population of 65+*	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0
	Apr 25 Plan												
	May 25 Plan												
	Jun 25 Plan												
Emergency admissions to hospital for people aged 65+ per 100,000 population	Rate	1,476.7	1,510.9	1,422.8	1,451.9	1,518.6	1,368.1	1,557.0	1,401.4	1,480.9	1,502.3	1,361.2	1,426.2
	Number of Admissions 65+	1,727	1,767	1,664	1,698	1,776	1,600	1,821	1,639	1,732	1,757	1,592	1,668
	Population of 65+	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0
	Jul 25 Plan												
	Aug 25 Plan												
	Sep 25 Plan												

Do you want to update your Emergency Admission metric plan?

No

Please set out how the ambition has been reached, including analysis of historic data, impact of planned efforts and how the target aligns for locally agreed plans such as Acute trusts and social care. ↓

Updated Plan

	Apr 25 Plan	May 25 Plan	Jun 25 Plan	Jul 25 Plan	Aug 25 Plan	Sep 25 Plan	Oct 25 Plan	Nov 25 Plan	Dec 25 Plan	Jan 26 Plan	Feb 26 Plan	Mar 26 Plan	What is the rationale behind the change in plan?
Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Number of Admissions 65+													
Population of 65+	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	116,952.0	

Assessment of whether goal has been met:

On track to meet goal

If a goal has not been met please provide a short explanation, including noting any key mitigating actions.

N/A

Proportion of adult patients discharged from acute hospitals on their discharge ready date													
For those adult patients not discharged on DRD, average number of days from DRD to discharge													

Assessment of whether goal has been met:	On track to meet goal
If a goal has not been met please provide a short explanation, including noting any key mitigating actions.	On track to meet target, although we have queries around the metric guidance that we have raised with NHSE. Once resolved we may need to revisit the plan in the next quarterly update.
You can also use this box to provide a very brief explanation of overall progress if you wish.	The future care programme has a workstream focused on Transfer of Care (TOC). The TOC workstream has 2 key metrics: Reducing LOS for those with no criteria to reside and increasing the number of people returning home. To achieve this TOC has 3 key area of focus: 1) Improving early discharge planning. 2) Bringing decision making into one place where multi agency teams work together to increase efficiency around discharge planning. 3) Improving how we record and track what is happening for people requiring care and support to leave hospital so we have greater clarity on next actions for people.

Did you use local data to assess against this headline metric?	Yes
If yes, which local data sources are being used?	BI data captured across acute sites and

4.3 Residential Admissions

		2023-24 Full Year Actual	2024-25 Full Year CLD Actual	2025-26 Plan Q1 (April 25- June 25)	2025-26 Plan Q2 (July 25- Sept 25)	2025-26 Plan Q3 (Oct 25-Dec 25)	2025-26 Plan Q4 (Jan 26-Mar 26)
Actuals + Original Plan							
Long-term support needs of older people (age 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population	Rate	493.4	411.3	114.6	113.7	110.3	89.8
	Number of admissions	577.0	481.0	134.0	133.0	129.0	105.0
	Population of 65+*	116952.0	116952.0	116952.0	116952.0	116952.0	116952.0

Do you want to update your Residential Admissions metric plan?	No
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Please set out how the ambition has been reached, including analysis of historic data, impact of planned efforts and how the

Please enter plan number of admissions within the specific quarter

target aligns for locally agreed plans such as Acute trusts and social care. ↓

		2025-26 Plan Q1 (April 25- June 25)	2025-26 Plan Q2 (July 25- Sept 25)	2025-26 Plan Q3 (Oct 25-Dec 25)	2025-26 Plan Q4 (Jan 26-Mar 26)	What is the rationale behind the change in plan?
Updated Plan	Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No change
	Number of admissions					
	Population of 65+*	116952.0	116952.0	116952.0	116952.0	
Long-term support needs of older people (age 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population						

Assessment of whether goal has been met:	On track to meet goal
If a goal has not been met please provide a short explanation, including noting any key mitigating actions.	We are closely monitoring as Q1 performance is performing better than the planned target. If this trend continues we may revisit our targets.
You can also use this box to provide a very brief explanation of overall progress if you wish.	We are on track to meet metric

Did you use local data to assess against this headline metric?	No
If yes, which local data sources are being used?	

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5. Income & Expenditure

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board:

Dorset

	2025-26		
Source of Funding	Planned Income	Updated Total Plan Income for 25-26	Q1 Year-to-Date Actual Expenditure
DFG	£5,152,517	£5,152,517	£1,303,237
Minimum NHS Contribution	£39,145,707	£39,145,707	
Local Authority Better Care Grant	£15,359,816	£15,359,816	
Additional LA Contribution	£59,440,839	£59,440,839	
Additional NHS Contribution	£36,997,733	£36,997,733	
Total	£156,096,612	£156,096,612	

	Original	Updated	% variance
Planned Expenditure	£156,096,612	£156,096,612	0%

		% of Planned Income
Q1 Year-to-Date Actual Expenditure	£34,697,702	22%

If Q1 Year-to-Date Actual Expenditure is exactly 25% of planned income, please provide some context around how accurate this figure is or whether there are limitations.	Planned % spend slightly below 25%, some areas are ahead of spend and some behind due to timings of invoices.
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If planned expenditure by activity has changed since the original plan, please confirm that this has been agreed by local partners. If that change in activity expenditure is greater than 5% of total BCF expenditure, please use this box to provide a brief summary of the change.	No change to BCF plan since it was produced.
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