

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING

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Date:	29 June 2023
Subject:	Sheffield’s Better Care Fund 22/23 Q4 and 23/25 Plan
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Summary:

Better Care Fund 22/23 – End of year template submission – 23 May 2023

The BCF 22/23 end of year reporting template was published 20 March 2023 and was required to be completed and signed off through the Board by 23 May 2023. At the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting 30 March 2023 [the Board agreed](#) that the Chair, Director of Adult Health and Social Care and the ICB Director of Strategy could sign off the BCF 2022-23 Year end template before the next meeting in June 2023 to meet the national timeline.

Approval was received on 23 May and the end of year template was send to NHS England. The end of year template is attached for information and a summary of the metrics is included in the paper.

Better Care Fund 23/25 – Planning and Narrative Plan submission – 28 June 2023

The BCF Planning Requirements and BCF Policy Framework for 2023-25 were published on 4 and 5 April 2023. The Policy Framework sets out the Government’s priorities for 2023-25, including improving discharge, reducing the pressure on Urgent and Emergency Care and social care, supporting intermediate care, unpaid carers and housing adaptations. Mental health, learning disability and autism continue to be an integral area of the BCF and should be considered on an equal footing to physical health.

The Better Care Fund 2023-25 maintains the two primary objectives:

1. Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer:
2. Provide the right care in the right place at the right time:

A new 2-year plan was requested by 28 June. Due to the timescales an extra ordinary Health and Wellbeing Board Briefing session took place on 16 June 2023 to update members on the requirements of the Better Care Fund Planning Guidance 23/25. The draft plan was shared with members for comment following on from the update briefing. The plan was formally approved by the Chair on 27 June 2023 and submitted to NHS England on 28 June to meet the national timelines.

Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

N/A

Recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- 1.note the submission of the 22/23 Better Care Fund Year End Template;
- 2.note the submission of 23/25 Better Care Fund Plan

Background Papers:

[Better Care Fund Planning Guidance 23/25](#)

Policy Guidance

My presentation to members

Year end template

Which of the ambitions in the Health & Wellbeing Strategy does this help to deliver?

- **Living Well**
 - Everyone has access to a home that supports their health
- **Ageing Well**
 - Everyone has equitable access to care and support shaped around them
 - Everyone has the level of meaningful social contact that they want
 - Everyone lives the end of their life with dignity in the place of their choice

Who has contributed to this paper?

Both Sheffield ICB and the Local Authority have contributed to the production of this document.

BETTER CARE FUND PROGRESS UPDATE

1.0 SUMMARY OF BETTER CARE FUND 22/23 and 23/25

As part of the Health and Wellbeing Board's statutory duty to encourage integrated working between commissioners, the Board has a role to oversee the Better Care Fund. On 23 May the 22/23 end of year template was sent to NHS England. The end of year template is attached for information and summary in the report.

A new 23/25 2-year plan was requested by 28 June. System partners. Due to the timescales an extra ordinary Health and Wellbeing Board Briefing session took place on 16 June 2023. The draft plan was shared with members for comment following on from the update briefing on the requirements of the Better Care Fund Planning Guidance 23/25. The plan was formally approved by the Chair on 27 June 2023 and submitted to NHS England on 28 June to meet the national timelines.

The plan builds on 22/23 assured plan that was approved by the Board Chair in September 2022, noted by the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee in November and formally approved by NHS England on 6 January 2023.

2.0 HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN SHEFFIELD?

Local intelligence tells us that those with protected characteristics, people who belong to health inclusion groups and those living in the most deprived communities are disproportionate users of unplanned services. Our plans and metrics will impact positively on this as we focus on the underlying causes of this inequity. In particular our emphasis on neighbourhood approaches will enable a greater understanding of the needs of communities to allow services and interventions be tailored and personalised around those who most need them.

All decisions around service redesign, investment and resource prioritisation are taken to ensure full compliance with the Priorities and Operational Guidelines regarding health inequalities, as well as local authorities' priorities under the Equality Act and NHS actions in line with CORE20PLUS5.

2.1 Better Care Fund Metrics – 22/23 Q4

The Better Care Fund plan was required to include stretching targets for improving outcomes against four metrics which are set nationally. The metrics are:

1. Proportion of older people still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement or rehabilitation (effectiveness of reablement)
2. Older adults whose long-term care needs are met by admission to residential or nursing care per 100,000 population (admissions to residential care homes)
3. Unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions (avoidable admissions to hospital for conditions that can typically be managed in a community setting)

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| 4. Improving the proportion of people discharged home, based on data on discharge to their usual place of residence (discharge to usual place of residence) |
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2.2 Performance against metrics 22/23 – Year End

The Sheffield Better Care Fund plan meets all national conditions and the end of year performance figures show that we meet 3/4 of the metrics.

Proportion of older people still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement or rehabilitation (effectiveness of reablement)

Actual 85%

Target 80%

This target was achieved through joint working with Sheffield Teaching Hospitals on timely discharges from hospital into reablement and intermediate care services and expanding our reablement capacity to support independence at home.

Older adults whose long-term care needs are met by admission to residential or nursing care

Actual 686

Plan 710

Team continue to review the appropriateness of every admission as part of the care reviews undertaken via Theme 4 On-Going Care. Sheffield teams are also increasing the number of planned reviews which will help prevent escalation of needs and admissions to care homes.

Unplanned Admissions

Actual 981

Plan 894

The 981 year end figure was around 10% higher than our planning numbers the increase was attributed to post-pandemic long covid impact. Teams continue to do Primary Care Networks and Community Services continue to work collaboratively to ensure people stay independent and support them to self-care through social prescribing and ensure conditions are managed in communities.

Proportion of people discharged home

Actual 97.8%

Plan 96.9

Sheffield is demonstrating a Home First approach shown through the current figures (98% of people going home).

2.3 Better Care Fund 23/25 Plan

On 4 April 2023 the Department of Health and Social Care published the 2023 to 2025 [Better Care Fund Planning Requirements](#) setting out the core requirements included the development of a narrative plan explaining current programme delivery against local objectives, explanation of local structures and governance and confirmation of agreed expenditure in compliance with the requirements of the fund.

System partners have supported the development of the attached plan that was submitted to for NHS England feedback on 23 May. The draft was shared 13th June at the Health and Care Partnership Board for noting and comment. The final plan incorporated all changes from NHS England and wider partner feedback.

The Plan for 23/25 includes over £493m of services commissioned and delivered locally. The Sheffield Better Care Fund plan continues to be co-produced by the Sheffield Place of South Yorkshire ICB and Sheffield City Council with system partners including Providers across the Health and Social Care sector, Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Sector representatives and Local Authority wider than core adult social care areas including Locality Teams, Housing and Disabled Facilities Grant leads. The plan is focused on key priority areas that have been identified through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Health and Wellbeing Plan which supports our ambitions for every adult in Sheffield to have:

- Access to a home that supports their health
- A fulfilling occupation and the resources to support their needs
- The ability to safely walk or cycle in their local area regardless of age or ability
- Equitable access to care and support shaped around them
- The level of meaningful social contact that they want
- The end of their life with dignity in the place of their choice

The plan's submission date was 28 June 2023. Due to the timescales an extra ordinary Health and Wellbeing Board Briefing session took place on 16 June 2023. The draft plan was shared with members for comment following on from the update briefing on the requirements of the Better Care Fund Planning Guidance 23/25. The plan was formally approved by the Chair on 27 June 2023 and submitted to NHS England on 28 June to meet the national timelines.

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4.0 WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS AREA?

The Better Care Fund plan and programmes are aligned to deliver the Shaping Sheffield vision of "Prevention, well-being and great care together", acknowledging that housing and the local community are an important factor to achieving this ambition.

5.0 QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD

N/A

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. note the 22/23 end of year BCF

2. note the 23/25 Better Care Fund Plan