



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING

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Subject: Sheffield’s Better Care Fund 23/25 Update

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Summary:

The Better Care Fund 2023/25 plan was submitted to NHS England on 28 June 2023. Following submission NHS England requested some clarifications on the plan that were sent back on 20 July as required. Regional and Cross-regional calibration of plans has been completed and formal plan approval letter are expected to be received by 22 September 2023.

As part of the national conditions for the Better Care Fund a plan for spending all funding elements in the BCF must be jointly agreed by the relevant local authority and ICB(s) and placed into a pooled fund, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006. Following the approval letter, the Section 75 agreement will be agreed to meet the national deadline for of 31 October 2023.

On 7 September the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) has addressed Local Authority Chief Executives with its 2023/24 DFG grant determination letter. £50 million additional funding for the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), confirmed by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), has been distributed and allocated imminently. Sheffield have received £445,752. The system is reviewing plans on how this can support residents and await national guidance around the conditions that will be attached to the funding.

NHS England have confirmed that there will be a refresh requested on Capacity and Demand aspects of 23/24 BCF plans before the end of October 2023 which will be for the months of Nov 2023-Mar 2024. The refresh of Capacity and Demand section will be part of the BCF Q2 reporting template that has not yet been re-published following technical issues with the template. Due to the timescales, it is requested that the sign off of the national submission templates, and the update to the Section 75 agreement is delegated to the Chair, ICB Director of Strategy and Director of Adult Social Care.

Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Is there any specific updates which would be beneficial to the Board in future meetings?
2. How would the HWBB wish to be included in the work underway to rebase the Better Care Fund to align with the revisions to the City's strategies?

Recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note the 23/25 Better Care Fund Plan update.
2. Delegate sign off to the Chair and Better Care Fund organisational leads.

Background Papers:

[1.230907-DLUHC-50m-Letter-to-LA-Chief-Executives-and-DFG-grant-determination-letter-2023-24.pdf](#)

[2- Adults Strategy Delivery Plan Update.pdf \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](#)

[3- Adult Performance Sept 23.pdf \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](#)

[4- Directorate Plan Sept 23.pdf \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](#)

[5- Better Care Fund Plan](#)

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 BETTER CARE FUND 23/25

The Sheffield Better Care Fund Plan approval letter is expected on 22nd September 2023 and will be shared with members once received. As per previous years the letter is expected to confirm that the relevant NHS funding can be formally released subject to the funding being used in accordance with our final approved plan, and in accordance with the conditions set out in the BCF policy framework and the BCF planning requirements including the transfer of funds into a pooling arrangement governed by a Section 75 agreement.

NHS England have confirmed that the quarterly reporting will recommence from Quarter 2 and will publish a revised template that is due back by 31 October 2023. Its contents need to be signed off by Health and Wellbeing Board and we therefore ask that this sign off is delegated to the Chair, ICB Director of Strategy and Director of Adult Social Care.

The template will also collect refreshed estimates of capacity and demand for intermediate care for the Winter period including:

- Updates to estimates of demand and planned capacity for admission avoidance and discharge support services
- Short narratives on assumptions, changes since the development of main BCF plans, data issues and support needs
- Estimated amount of capacity we expect to spot purchase to support discharge over Winter

NHS England is holding a an online [briefing session](#) on completing the template on 21 September at 3pm that will be attended by Sheffield colleagues. The template will be completed jointly with the Sheffield Discharge Delivery Groups leads.

2.0 BETTER CARE FUND SCHEME UPDATES

There are a number of examples of great joint work being carried out as part of the agreed 23/24 Better Care Fund plan. Significant work has taken place including the Winter Planning and use of Adult Social Care Discharge to support the Better Care Fund deliverables. The Adult Social Care Directorate plan and performance demonstrate the improvement in data and deliverables. Some of the examples below highlight this work and will be used as part of the end of year report:

- Team Around the Person (TAP) forms part of the Better Care Fund People Keeping Well Programme. It continues to offer multidisciplinary, proactive care in an admission avoidance as well a discharge capacity. From April to June, they received 99 referrals, of these 98% of individuals had two or more long term health conditions, 61% lived in an area of deprivation and 41% were experiencing frailty. In recognition of their achievement, TAP was shortlisted for an MJ Local Government Achievement Award and are now finalists for the Nursing Times Awards, with winners to be announced in October.
- The team within the People Keeping Well Programme are arranging a Carer Engagement day in October, which will focus on support for unpaid and paid Carers to ensure their needs are not overshadowed by the individuals they are supporting. This will be at the Winter Gardens on the 5th October.
- The Falls team have written a 'Team Sheffield' Falls plan options appraisal which was discussed at the Ageing Well Collaborative in July. Further consideration by the city

will take place in Quarter 2 to agree next steps regarding falls prevention and rehabilitation.

- Urgent Community Response (UCR) is being integrated within the Better Care Funding Active Support and Recovery Programme. The UCR team are achieving the 2-hr standard which is now reported at Board level within Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHSFT. Work is ongoing to optimise referral pathways, with implementation of a PUSH model allowing category 3 and 4 calls to be 'pushed' from YAS 999 to the service via Single Point of Access and GP Collaborative.
- The team delivering the Active Support and Recovery Programme are part of the new pathway redesign for hospital discharge. On the 21 of June the Sheffield Discharge Delivery Group held the 1st Sheffield Discharge Summit which was attended by 20 colleagues from across our statutory health and care organisations in the city. The event was interactive and sought to use the collective experience in the room to test out the vision for a new citywide discharge model.

Following the summit, a refined model was presented to Executives and approval was given to establish a single Discharge Programme Group which will bring together a number of discharge workstreams and report to Sheffield Urgent Emergency Care Delivery Group:

- Internal STH discharge workstream
- Discharge to assess, home first model development.
- Beds
- Mental health discharge workstream
- The Adult Strategy Delivery Plan update includes a number -of examples of changes to the Ongoing Care Programme within the Better Care Fund, such as implemented recommissioning programmes related to homecare, (known as Care and Wellbeing Services), day activities, supported living and extra care to achieve long term market sustainability and quality of care.
- The Care At Night service is being retendered to start in April 24, with a Provider engagement session taking place on 27th September before the formal launch.
- The Better Care Fund National team and the LGA, have released resource to support Sheffield with understanding data constraints affecting ascertaining one version of the truth. This is linked to the underlying culture of teams in different organisation as well as the data systems in place within teams.
- A Joint Efficiency Board is being established to have oversight of programmes working across Sheffield Place. Membership will be drawn from NHS SYICB, Sheffield City Council and initially from Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust. The governance will report to the Oversight Committee. The TOR are being agreed with a focus upon delivery of the City's strategies, how we can share capacity and make best use of resources. For example, ensuring a value for money approach to joint service such as Integrated Community Equipment Loan Service contract.

3.0 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.

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