

# Report of the Better Care Fund of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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## Subject:

Better Care Fund 2023-24 Quarter 2 report

## Summary statement:

1. To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the Quarter 2 position for the Better Care Fund 2023-24.
2. To provide assurance that the Better Care Fund Plan is meeting the national requirements and policies.

## EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

The BCF is strongly underpinned with the ambition to tackle inequalities and promote the aims of the District Plan which include upholding the District's Equality objectives.

The BCF has set tackling inequality in health, wellbeing, outcomes, and access as the shared purpose because less equal societies fare worse than more equal ones, across everything from education to life expectancy. Health inequalities can only be mitigated through working in partnership, developing new integrated service offers between health and care at every interface that reflect the fundamentally changing nature of our population in coming years.

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### Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Health and Wellbeing



## 1. SUMMARY

As part of the Better Care Fund (BCF) reporting requirements, Health & Wellbeing Board areas must submit quarterly reports which is signed off by the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB). The BCF team announced the quarterly reporting on BCF metrics will resume in quarter 2 of 2023/24. Quarterly reports will be a requirement throughout 2023-2025, in line with the 2-year BCF plan. This periods report includes a Capacity and Demand refresh which builds on the earlier C&D submission in June 2023.

The Quarter 2 report for Bradford was submitted to the BCF team on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

The quarterly reports monitor performance against the BCF national conditions and metrics. The quarterly report for this period includes refreshed Capacity and Demand projections across each discharge pathway. A Capacity and Demand report was submitted alongside the BCF 23-25 plans. All areas are required to refresh the C&D data on a quarterly basis for further analysis by the Department of Health and Social Care. The appendices provide an overview of the BCF metrics, the quarter 2 position and reflects the Capacity and Demand plans for Bradford.

Provisional data indicates that performance against all 5 metrics is currently on track to deliver the 2023/24 trajectories, with a range of actions and system wide work underway. The report summarises the performance throughout quarter 2 of 23/24 and will need to be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## 2. BACKGROUND

The Better Care Fund (BCF) plans for 2023-25 were submitted in June 2023. The Better Care Fund team have confirmed the plans for Bradford have complied with the national policies and requirements. As part of the BCF requirements, all areas are required to submit quarterly reports which are signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The BCF quarterly report and the associated metrics have been assured by the System Finance and Performance Committee (formal assurance group), Partnership Leadership Team (committee of the Integrated Care Board) and the Planning and Commissioning Forum prior to submitting the report on 31<sup>st</sup> October. The above groups include representation from senior leadership across Local Authority and West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board to maintain and monitor the BCF activity. The groups have assured that the BCF is currently meeting its targets and there are further areas of working underway which is aimed at supporting better outcomes for patients/service users.

The quarterly report measures progress against five metrics for 2023/24:

- Admissions to residential and care homes.
- Unplanned admissions for ambulatory sensitive chronic conditions.
- Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people over 65.
- Older people who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement or rehabilitation services.
- Discharge to usual place of residence.

Appendices 1 shows performance against the above metrics. Data indicated all metrics are on track to meeting the planned trajectories and we continue to meet the national conditions for the Better Care Fund.

Appendices 2 shows the updated Section 75 for the Better Care Fund. An updated Section 75 for the Better Care Fund is required, and forms part of the national conditions identified in tab 3.

We have various transformation and development projects at place that will contribute towards attaining positive outcomes for service users and further enhance our services in Bradford. This includes the new home support contract implementation and actions from the review of intermediate care. Following these projects, we hope to see continuous progression towards achieving the BCF metrics for 2024/25.

### **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Please refer to the appendix documents.

### **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

Financial requirements are within the body of the appendix documents.

### **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Better Care Fund however operational delivery is provided through the Health and Care Partnership.

### **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

The Health and Care Act 2022 required the establishment of integrated care boards (ICBs) and the creation of integrated care partnerships (ICPs). Integrated care partnerships bring together health, social care public health and wider voluntary, community, and social enterprise representatives.

### **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

#### **7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

No Direct implications

#### **7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

No Direct implications

#### **7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

No Direct implications

#### **7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

No Direct implications

## **7.5 TRADE UNION**

No Direct implications

## **7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

No Direct implications

## **7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (Reports to Area Committees only)**

N/A

## **7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

N/A

## **7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT**

N/A

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None

## **9. OPTIONS**

No Options Provided

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Health and Wellbeing Board to note the receipt of the BCF Quarter 2 report for 2023-24.

## **11. APPENDICES**

1. BCF 22-23 Year-end report (Appx A, will be circulated to Members separately)



BCF 23-25 Q2 Report  
- Bradford HWB.xlsx

2. Section 75 Better Care Fund (Appx B)



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2023-24.docx

## 12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

1. BCF 2022-23 Planning Template (Full) (Appx C, will be circulated to Members separately)



BCF Planning  
Template 2023-25 - B

2. BCF 2022-23 Narrative (Full) (Appx D, will be circulated to Members separately)



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Narrative.docx