

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Report Title	BCF Summary Report 2022/23
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Appendix A – BCF 2022/23 West Northamptonshire Planning Template

Appendix B – BCF Narrative Plan West Northants 2022/23

Appendix C – 2022/23 Final BCF Return

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the Better Care Fund (BCF) 2022/23 performance template submitted to NHSE.
- 1.2. To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the outline plan for the development of the Better Care Fund in 2023/24.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires Integrated Commissioning Boards (ICBs) and local government to agree a joint plan, owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). These are joint plans for using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).
- 2.2 The policy framework, published on 19th July 2022, confirmed the conditions and funding for the BCF in 2022/23.

2.3 The BCF plan and schemes for 2022/23 were submitted and approved as complying with the conditions of the 2022/23 grant.

2.4 The Health and Wellbeing Board are required to approve the 2022/23 Final BCF Return.

3. Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that the West Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board:

a) Approve the final return template for the Better Care Fund schemes (2022/23).

b) Note the proposed timelines for the Better Care Fund plan for 2022/23

4. Report Background

4.1 Funding 2022/23

4.2 The policy framework, published on 19 July 2022, confirmed the conditions and funding for the BCF in 2022/23.

4.3 For West Northants the total funding for 2022/23 was £50,442,297 (please see Appendix A for the full breakdown).

4.4 BCF national conditions and metrics for 2022/23

The national conditions for the BCF in 2022/23 were:

1. A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners, signed off by the HWB.
2. NHS contribution to adult social care at HWB level to be maintained in line with the uplift to NHS minimum contribution.
3. invest in NHS-commissioned out-of-hospital services.
4. Implement the BCF Policy objectives.

4.5 National Condition 1

A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners and signed off by the HWB was submitted and approved by the HWB on 19th September 2022.

4.6 National Condition 2

The NHS contribution to adult social care at HWB level was maintained and increased in line with the uplift to NHS minimum contributions.

4.7 National Condition 3

The expenditure plans shown in appendix A demonstrates that schemes were put in place to support out of hospital services.

4.8 National Condition 4

This National Condition requires a joint plan to deliver Health and Social Care services that support the funds 2 policy objectives:

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

Expenditure plans in appendix A show the commissioned schemes from BCF funding resources to support this objective.

Appendix B shows the narrative approach to delivering these objectives locally and the integrated approach taken by Health and Social Care.

4.9 Metrics

4.10 Beyond this, areas had flexibility in how the fund was spent over health, care and housing schemes or services. This needed to be evidenced as to how this spending will improve performance against the following BCF 2022/23 metrics:

- Avoidable admissions to hospital
- Admissions to residential and care homes
- Effectiveness of reablement
- Hospital discharges that are to a persons usual place of residence

4.11 Further details of this are set out in appendix B.

4.12 Appendix C shows West Northamptonshire's performance against the defined metrics and outturn against the planned position for 2022/23.

4.13 **Avoidable admissions to hospital**

This metric is linked to the NHS Outcome Framework indicator. In 2022/23, planned performance of 4,160 avoidable admissions were planned, 4,136 were achieved. This is an average of 344.6 per month, which is an improvement from the 21/22 achievement of 309.

4.14 **Percentage of people who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of residence**

The planned outturn for 2022/23 was 94.7% and West Northamptonshire achieved 93.5% which is 1.2% below the outturn. This is also a reduction from 2021/22 where 95% outturn position was achieved. This is likely to a challenging winter and the residual affects of Covid, where patients

who could have been discharged on pathway 0 were supported to be discharged via pathway 1 & 2.

4.15 **Rate of admissions to residential care per 100k (over 65's)**

Significant over performance was achieved in 2022/23 where 479.37 residential care admissions took place (per 100k population) against a planned outturn of 549. This demonstrates the effectiveness of pathway 1 and 2 provision across Health and Social Care, and effective use of discharge resources.

4.16 **Proportion of Older People (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services**

This metric is slightly above target, and is a significant improvement from 2021/22. 80.7% of people remained at home against a planned outturn position of 79.2%. This highlights the effectiveness of reablement services on pathway 1 and 2.

4.17 **Planning and Assurance of BCF Plans 2023/23**

4.17 **The plan will be developed locally by the local authority and ICB. This will be aligned with other strategic documents and plans including those of the ICB/ICP and wider programmes such as Ageing Well. A report will be presented at the June Health and Wellbeing board.**

5. Issues and Choices

5.1 **As per the delegation from the previous board the discussions with local partners to determine financial allocations was agreed and approved by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and lead officers from both West Northants Council and the ICB.**

5.2 **The performance template for 2022/23 has been agreed in line with the National Conditions.**

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 **Resources and Financial**

6.1.1 **Please see appendix A for the breakdown of schemes and the financial allocation.**

6.2 **Legal**

The council constitution makes provision for working groups to undertake activity on behalf of the board.

6.3 **Risk**

6.3.1 **None.**

6.4 **Consultation**

6.4.1 No consultation was required.

6.5 **Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny**

6.5.1 The report has not been considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

6.6 **Climate Impact**

6.6.1 There are no known direct impacts on climate because of the matters referenced in this report.

6.7 **Community Impact**

6.7.1 There were no distinct populations that were affected because of the matters discussed in this report, however those that access care and health services more frequently than the general population were impacted more by any improvements associated with activity undertaken.

7. Background Papers

7.1 As per appendixes