

Appendix 1: Better Care Fund Quarter 2 Submission 2023-24

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to Update DMT on the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 submission for 2023-24

2. Decision(s) Required

For Note

3. Summary

This report provides an overview of the Better Care Fund and details of the Quarter 2 submission.

The Section 75 document must be signed by both Southend-on-Sea City Council and NHS Integrated Care Board, with the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 template asking for confirmation that this has been actioned.

Falls Metric is above target, and we anticipate the figure will continue to rise during the winter months.

4. Background

The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme supports local systems to successfully deliver the integration of health and social care in a way that supports person-centred care, sustainability and better outcomes for people and carers.

An expenditure plan, confirms the financial overview for Southend-on-Sea in respect of the period 2023 – 2025:

Funding Sources	Income Yr 1	Income Yr 2	Expenditure Yr 1	Expenditure Yr 2
DFG	£1,721,065	£1,721,065	£1,721,065	£1,721,065
Minimum NHS Contribution	£15,977,498	£16,881,824	£15,977,498	£16,881,824
iBCF	£7,797,498	£7,797,498	£7,797,498	£7,797,498
Additional LA Contribution	£368,848	£0	£368,848	£0
Additional ICB Contribution	£0	£0	£0	£0
Local Authority Discharge Funding	£1,093,197	£1,821,922	£1,093,197	£1,821,922
ICB Discharge Funding	£1,198,780	£1,666,320	£1,198,780	£1,666,320
Total	£28,156,886	£29,888,629	£28,156,886	£29,888,629

5. Quarter 2 Performance

The submission date for the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 template is on 31st October 2023

The Better Care Fund Quarter 2 submission focuses on Metrics and Capacity & Demand which includes Guidance and Assumptions, Hospital Discharge and Community. The Quarter 2 submission does not focus on any finance or expenditure of the fund.

The Better Care Fund submission for quarter 2 (2023-24) will be submitted to the Better Care Fund Team on 31st October 2023. The submission request relates to Metrics along with Capacity and Demand. The latest performance is as follows:

Metrics

This section requires information on any challenges faced in meeting the planned target, highlighting any support that may facilitate or ease achievements of metric plans. The section also requires any achievements, impact observed, or lessons learnt to be considered when improvements being pursued for the respective metrics.

There are five metrics to report on, confirming the progress against the metric plan for the reporting period:

Metric	Target	Q1	Q2	Comments
Avoidable Admissions	243.3	253	253	Ongoing rollout of Urgent Care Response Team and working with the ambulance service on the stack.
Discharge to normal place of residence	95.47%	94.9%	94.9%	SEDs and development of transfer of care hubs at locality. This is in early stages and building on the good work of the adult discharge teams.
Falls	2,100	627.9		We anticipate the figure will continue to rise during the winter months. There are a number of initiatives being undertaken for this metrics. This includes Slipper Swap and some providers using Raizer Chairs.
Residential Admissions	549	549		The aim of this measure is to minimise, and this quarter's figures are below target. SEDs contributes significantly for this as it helps people stay at home along with reablement offer. Brook Meadows assessment beds, which relates to care in a bedded setting.
Reablement (Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement /	80%	74.5%	78.6%	The aim of this metrics is to maximise. However, the latest quarter figures are below target by 2.4%. SEDs contributes significantly for this as it helps people stay at home along with reablement offer.

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Capacity and Demand – Guidance and Assumptions

An update has been provided for a set of specific narrative questions. These questions are in relation to both hospital discharge and community sections. The response given, provides an update on refining the small winter planning in respect of capacity and demand for admissions avoidance and hospital.

Capacity and Demand – Hospital Discharge

Data submitted in June 2023 reflects the previous year's information regarding capacity and demand. The Quarter 2 template is prepopulated based on the submission in June 2023.

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6. Conclusion

DMT are asked to note that the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 submission has been completed and submitted within the respective timescales.

This report will be submitted for the next Health and Wellbeing Board to provide them with the information. This report will be retrospective due to the schedule of meetings.

The chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board is required to sign off the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 template ahead of the submission date.