

# Southend Health & Wellbeing Board

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of the Director of Commissioning

To  
Health & Wellbeing Board

on  
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## Better Care Fund

(Southend on Sea Borough Council/ Integrated Care System)

Better Care Fund 2022-23 update for sign off

Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

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### Purpose

The purpose of this report:

1. To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board that the Better Care Fund (BCF) 2022-23 planning guidance and documents were published on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 for SCC and Integrated Care System (ICS) to complete a joint BCF plan and submissions documents related to the current financial year.
2. To inform the board that due to the turnaround timescales given by the National Team, the full 2022-23 BCF Plan will require HWB Chair and Members to sign off via email circulation on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September as an exception. This is to ensure aligned governance timescales with health partners through the Integrated Care Board (ICB) prior to HWB approval.

### Background

#### BCF National Policy Framework 2022-23

BCF funds are managed locally, and in each Local Authority area the Council is legally obliged to submit an agreed BCF plan jointly with their Integrated Care System (ICS) which adheres to the national guidance.

There is an annually agreed health minimum contribution to each local authority area. For the current 2022/23 financial year, the contribution for Southend ICS is £15.121m, and the adult social care spend of this minimum contribution is £7,155m. The intention is to shift resources into social care and community services from the NHS budget in England and set out a joined-up approach to integrated, person-centred services across local health, care, housing, and wider public services.

The national policy framework for 2022-23 sets out four national conditions:

**1. A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners, signed off by the Health and Well Being Board (HWB)**

The local authority and ICS must agree a plan for their local authority area that includes agreement on use of mandatory BCF funding streams. The plan must be signed off by the HWB.

BCF plans set out a joined-up approach to integrated, person-centred services across local health, care, housing, and wider public services. They include arrangements for joint or collaborative commissioning, and an agreed approach for embedding the current hospital discharge policy in relation to how BCF funding will support this.

**2. NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to the CCG minimum contribution**

The health contribution to the BCF will rise in actual terms by 5.66% in 2022/23. Minimum contributions to social care will also increase by 5.66%. The minimum expectation of spending for each HWB area is derived by applying the percentage increase in the health contribution to the BCF for the area to the 2022 to 2023 minimum social care maintenance figure for the HWB foot print.

**3. Invest in NHS-commissioned out-of-hospital services**

BCF narrative plans set out the approach to delivering this aim locally, and how health and local authority partners will work together to deliver it. Expenditure plans will show the schemes that are being commissioned from BCF funding sources to support this objective.

**4. Local partners should ensure that they have an agreed approach to meet the BCF 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

This national condition requires local areas to demonstrate an approach to integrating care to deliver better outcomes, including how collaborative commissioning will support this and how primary, intermediate, community and social care services are being delivered to support people to remain at home, or return home following an episode of inpatient hospital care.

This national condition also requires areas to agree a joint plan to deliver health and social care services that support improvement in outcomes for people being discharged from hospital, including the implementation of the hospital discharge policy,

and continued implementation of the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfers of Care.

**5. The local BCF plan should focus on improvements in the key metrics below:**

- Percentage of discharges to a person’s usual place of residence (SUS data)
- Avoidable admissions – unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions
- long term admission to residential and nursing care per 100,000 population
- Reablement – proportion of older people still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into a reablement service

**Demand and Capacity Tracker**

Local areas have been asked to develop plans outlining expected demand and capacity for intermediate care services, covering demand for both services to support people to stay at home (including admissions avoidance) and hospital discharge pathways 0-3 inclusive, or equivalent, for quarters 3 and 4 of 2022-23 across health and social care.

This should cover both BCF funded activity and non BCF funded activity.

The demand and capacity tracker for intermediate care services is a new requirement of this years BCF planning submissions.

**Key timescale:**

BCF planning requirements published	19/07/2022
Optional draft BCF planning submission (including capacity and demand plan) submitted to BCM and copied to the BCF team ( <a href="mailto:england.bettercarefundteam@nhs.net">england.bettercarefundteam@nhs.net</a> )	18/08/2022
BCF planning submission from local HWB areas (agreed by ICBs and local government). All submissions will need to be sent to the local BCM, and copied to <a href="mailto:england.bettercarefundteam@nhs.net">england.bettercarefundteam@nhs.net</a>	26/09/2022
Scrutiny of BCF plans by regional assurers, assurance panel meetings and regional moderation	26/09/2022 - 24/10/2022
Regionally moderated assurance outcomes sent to BCF team	24/10/2022
Cross-regional calibration	01/11/2022
Approval letters issued giving formal permission to spend (NHS minimum)	30/11/2022
All section 75 agreements to be signed and in place	31/12/2022