

# BCF Review Programme Update

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# Introduction

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national policy framework aimed at bringing together health and social care organisations to plan, fund and commission integrated services.

There are 4 national conditions:

1. A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. Plan for enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer and provide the right care in the right place at the right time
3. Provide the right care in the right place at the right time
4. Maintaining NHS's contribution to adult social care and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services.

The Tower Hamlets two-year BCF plan was signed off in July 2023 and it was agreed to review the plan in preparation for the next policy round in 2025-26.

# BCF Budget Breakdown



- The BCF funding is made up of 6 types of contributions which are pooled to support Health and Wellbeing Boards to deliver integration in Health, Social Care and Housing through local services.
- The Minimum NHS contributions have received an inflationary increase of 5.66% in 24-25.
- The other contributions which have increased this year are; the DFG and the Additional Discharge Funding.
- The BCF received by the NHS for 24-25 amounts to £40,345,276.
- The amount received by the Council is £20,108,357
- Both the ICB and LA make additional contributions to the BCF which is badged from baseline budgets

<b>BCF Financial Contributions</b>	<b>2023-24 £</b>	<b>2024-25 £</b>
Minimum CCG/ICB Contribution	£25,839,202	£27,301,701
Additional CCG/ICB Contribution	£13,043,575	£13,043,575
<b>CCG/ICB Total</b>	<b>£38,882,777</b>	<b>£40,345,276</b>
iBCF	£16,810,321	£16,810,321
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	£2,320,693	£2,523,197
Additional LA Contribution	£774,839	£774,839
<b>LA Total</b>	<b>£19,905,853</b>	<b>£20,108,357</b>
<b>Additional Discharge Fund</b>	<b>£3,873,292</b>	<b>£5,864,366</b>
<b>Pooled BCF Total</b>	<b>£62,661,922</b>	<b>£66,317,999</b>

# Objectives of the Review

To inform and improve our performance, **future planning** and **reporting**



**Align with  
strategic  
priorities**

Ensure alignment to **THT priorities**, continued contribution to community resilience, **maintaining independence**, reducing **hospital stays**

Engage key stakeholders, ensuring **coproduction** embedded in review





# Review Progress

## Individual Scheme Review

- Finance and Activity Group established.
- 83% of preliminary audit of individual schemes completed,

## Falls and Intermediate Care Review

- Self-Assessment with key LBTH & ELFT leads in progress.

## Disabled Facilities Grant – Home Adaptations Project

- Project Implementation Plan developed with SRO, working on establishing governance



# Next Steps

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**SEPT/  
OCT**

Completion of Intermediate Care and Falls Review against NICE Guidelines

**OCT/  
NOV**

Completion of individual scheme audit

**NOV-  
MAR**

Development of new BCF Plan to include update to HWBB in Dec with proposals.

