## **BCF** Review **Programme Update**

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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

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



#### **Objectives of the Review**

TOWER HAMLETS
TOGETHER
Delivering better health through partnership

To inform and improve our performance, future planning and reporting

Assess impact and efficiency

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

Continue to be collaborative and transparent



### The Roadmap



						Quarter 4 2023-24	1		Quarter : 2024-25		Quarter 2 2024-25			Quarter 3 2024-25		Quarter 4 2024-25		Quarter 1 2025-26				
Activity	Progress	Start	End	Days	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
BCF Core Reporting							_															
Submission of Q3 return	complete	02-Jan	09-Feb	29		•																
Submission of end of year return/Q4	complete	02-Apr	31-May	44					•	•												
Submission of Q1 24-25 return	complete	31-Jul	30-Aug	23									•									
Submission of Q2 24-25 return	not started	01-Oct	30-Nov	44											•	•						
Submission of Q3 24-25 return	not started	01-Jan	10-Feb	30														•				
Capacity and demand planning	complete	02-Apr	31-May	44					•													
Submission of 24-25 BCF Plan/ Assurance	complete	01-May	31-Jul	66							•	•										
BCF Review report	not started	01-Oct	30-Dec	65													•	•				
BCF refreshed plan 2025-26	not started	01-Jan	30-Apr	86																•	•	
Programme Governance																						
S.75 Deed of Variation	complete	01-Dec	31-Mar	86			•															
BCF F&A Group updates and challenges - OMG	In progress	01-Apr	31-Mar					•			•	•			•		•	•		•	•	
Promoting Independence Board - data reporting	delayed	01-Apr	31-Mar																			
Health and Wellbeing Board updates	In progress	01-Apr	31-Mar																			
Stakeholder Engagement																						
Quarterly BCF newsletter	complete	01-Feb	30-May			•			•				•		4			•			4	
Scheme and Pathways Review																						
Falls Pathway	In progress	01-Mar	30-Sep	152											•							
Intermediate Care	In progress	01-Mar	30-Oct	174											•							
DFG -Home Adaptations Project	In progress	01-Jun	30-Oct	108											•							
Review of all individual BCF schemes	In progress		30-Oct	153											•							
New areas for scoping and review	In progress		30-Nov	65											•	•						





#### 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**



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.



