

Better Care Fund 2023-25

Overview and sign off
20th July 2023

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Key headlines

- The 2023-25 guidance was issued on 4th April 2023 and as per previous years local systems submitted final plans (planning & narrative templates) to the national team on 28 June 2023. These are attached to this report.
- This is a two year plan with an opportunity to refresh in 2024-25
- Quarterly BCF monitoring will begin again (this had been paused following Covid-19) in quarter 2 of 2023/24 to monitor progress against the plan
- The BCF objectives link to priorities on reducing pressure on urgent emergency care and social care as well as tackling pressures in delayed discharges
- The demand and capacity tab in the planning template was introduced last year and this is to measure our system readiness for winter and intermediate care provision.
- The Adults Social Care Discharge Fund (ASCDF) was included within the BCF and will be available for both 23/24 and 24/25
- There are five national metrics used to monitor progress of the Better Care Fund one of which is new this year:
 1. Avoidable admissions
 2. Falls (***new to the 23-25 plan***)
 3. Discharge to normal place of residence
 4. Proportion of older people (65+) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into
 5. Permanent admissions to residential and nursing care homes (65+) per 100,000 population.
- There is always misunderstanding that the core BCF is new additional monies but other than the iBCF (a grant paid to local authorities) and now the ASCDF, **the BCF is not additional money** and is instead repurposed from existing revenue. The social care income from the ICB forms part of the social care core budget to fund hospital discharge teams, social workers, reablement, equipment, brokerage etc.
- Services which are badged against the BCF in the ICB are form part of the community health services contract such as the Extended Primary Care Teams, discharge related services, rehabilitation, primary care demand related services. See slide 4 for a high level breakdown.
- How this money is allocated as well as risk and gain share agreements are reviewed annually and form the basis of the Section 75 agreement between the local authority and the ICB.

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- The planning requirements are assessed against the contents of our planning and narrative templates which are provided as appendices to this report.
- In Tower Hamlets we have rolled over our 2022/23 BCF plan into 2023/24.
- In 2023, we will review the BCF spend areas and reflect these in the 2024 national BCF refresh. (slide 5 for timeline and overview)
- The BCF is received by the ICB and amounted to £38.5m in 2023/24. This was an increase of 5.66% from that received in 2022/23 and now includes the hospital discharge fund.
- The Disabled Facilities Grant (£2.3m), Improved Better Care Fund and Winter Pressures Grant (£16.8m) are received by the Council. The Winter Pressures Grant has been merged with the iBCF since 2020/21
- Both the ICB and Council make additional contributions to the pooled fund
- This provides a total pooled fund of £62.6m in 2023/24.
- The 2024/25 planned income is also included in the table which shows a continuation of the ASCDF
- The next slide provides a high level breakdown of schemes and spend for 2023/24.

	2023/24 Plan	2024/25 Plan
Minimum ICB Contribution	£25,839,202	£27,301,701
Additional ICB Contribution	£13,043,575	£13,043,575
ICB ASCDF	£926,545	£1,952,110
CCG Total	£38, 556,871	£42,297,386
iBCF & Winter Pressures	£16,810,321	£16,810,321
DFG	£2,320,693	£2,320,693
Additional LA Contribution	£1,364,805 (includes ASCDF underspend from ICB 22/23)	£774,839
LA ASCDF	£2,356,781	£3,912,256
LA Total	£22,852,600	£23,818,109
BCF Total	£62,661,922	£66,115,495

2023-24 BCF schemes (high level)



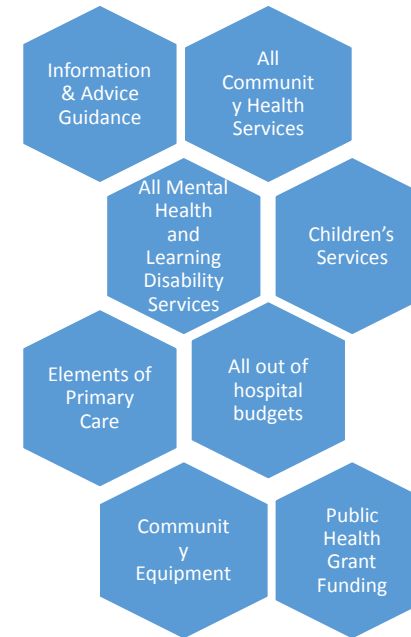
Scheme Name	Commissioner	Provider	Expenditure (£)
Improved Better Care Fund	Local Authority	Local Authority	£16,810,321
Reablement Team	Local Authority	Local Authority	£2,482,259
Disabled Facilities Grant	Local Authority	Local Authority	£2,320,693
Community Equipment Services	Local Authority/ICB (pooled)	Local Authority/Private Sector & Charity/VCS	£2,622,589
7 Day Hospital Social Work Team	Local Authority	Local Authority	£1,759,400
Community Health Team (Social Care)	Local Authority	Local Authority	£1,373,979
Carers support	Local Authority	Charity/VCS	£699,469
Locality Programme (LA contribution)	Local Authority	Local Authority	£635,998
LinkAge Plus (ICB contribution)	Local Authority	Charity/VCS	£343,395
LinkAge Plus (Council contribution)	Local Authority	Charity/VCS	£320,739
Adult Learning Disability Services	Local Authority	Local Authority & MH Provider	£267,870
Local Authority Support to Health and Social Care Integration	Local Authority	Local Authority	£255,965
Brokerage Service - Support for Hospital Discharge	Local Authority	Local Authority	£117,048
Dementia Diagnosis and Community Support	Local Authority	Charity/VCS	£84,317
Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	Local Authority	Local Authority	£2,356,781 (+£589,966)
Social Worker input into the memory clinic	Local Authority	Local Authority	£60,256
Practice Development - OT Joint Practice Lead	Local Authority	Local Authority	£31,698
Initial Assessment Service	Local Authority	Local Authority	£128,940
AMHP Service	Local Authority	Local Authority	£70,081

Scheme Name	Commissioner	Provider	Expenditure (£)
Integrated Community Health Team (incorporating Extended Primary Care Team)	ICB	NHS Community Provider	£15,276,998
ICB Discharge Funding	ICB	NHS Community Provider/LA	£926,545
Integrated Clinical and Commissioning Quality NIS (Primary Care)	ICB	ICB	£4,677,506
St Joseph's Hospice	ICB	Charity / Voluntary Sector	£2,425,271
RAID	ICB	NHS Mental Health Provider	£2,550,905
Barts Acute Palliative Care Team	ICB	NHS Acute Provider	£974,344
Admissions Avoidance Discharge Service (inclu D2A)	ICB	NHS Community Provider	£850,955
Locality Programme (ICB contribution)	ICB	ICB	£528,300
Adult Autism and Diagnostic Intervention Service	ICB	NHS Mental Health Provider	£338,580
Psychological Support for People with LTCs (MH PC)	ICB	NHS Mental Health Provider	£150,000
Community Geriatrician Team	ICB	NHS Community Provider	£140,001
Mental Health Recovery College	ICB	NHS Mental Health Provider	£133,913
Age UK Take Home and Settle Service	ICB	Charity / Voluntary Sector	£114,000
Age UK Last Years of Life	ICB	Charity / Voluntary Sector	£93,641
Spot Purchase	ICB	NHS Acute Provider	£88,000
Out of Borough Social Worker	ICB	Local Authority	£61,200

What's likely to be included in our review of the Better Care Fund for 2024-25?



- A national uplift of 5.66% to social care and community income
- A complete review of the BCF spend areas (scope to be determined with the Operational Management Group and links to the CHS review) see timeline below.
- An assessment of the intermediate care pathway using the NICE guidelines
- Review and gap analysis of the Tower Hamlets falls prevention services
- The review to consider further alignment and pooling of budgets from 24/25 when we have the opportunity to refresh BCF – potential to increase pool for out of hospital budgets within the BCF.
- The goal of pooling (and alignment) is to improve outcomes, improve people’s experience of using services, and achieve greater system efficiency
- Pooled and aligned services (both in and out of the BCF) will also form a key component of the relationship between ‘Borough Based partnerships’ and Integrated Care Systems (ICS)
- A review was undertaken pre-Covid to look at which service areas would be suited for pooling (or aligning). As part of this review we looked at the services listed in the boxes to the right.



Outline timeline of review:	
Agree review scope	August 2023
Engage with services and desktop review	September – October 2023
Test recommendations with services	November 2023
Report findings to HWB & THT Boards	December 2023
National BCF update	Jan-March 2024 tbc nationally

Timetable and sign off

BCF planning requirements published	4th April 2023
Presentation on BCF 2023-25 requirements to the THT Board	4 th May
Presentation on BCF 2023-25 requirements to the Health and Wellbeing Board	23 rd May
Optional draft BCF planning submission (including intermediate care capacity and demand plan) submitted to regional BCF team	19 th May
Sign off process with LBTH CEO, HWBB Chair and ICB	Early –mid June
BCF planning submission (including intermediate care and short term are capacity and demand plans: and discharge spending plan) from local HWB areas (agreed by ICBs and local government)	28 th June
Presentation on the BCF 2023-25 return to the THT Board	6 th July
Retrospective sign off from Health and Wellbeing Board	20 th July
Scrutiny of BCF plans by regional assurers, assurance panel meetings and regional moderation	28 June – 28 July
Regionally moderated assurance outcomes sent to BCF team	28 July
Cross regional calibration	3 August
Approval letters issued giving formal permission to spend (NHS minimum)	3 September
All section 75 agreements to be signed and in place	31 October