

Report to:	HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	15 June 2023
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Subject:	BETTER CARE FUND 2022/23 END OF YEAR RETURN
Report Summary:	<p>This report provides details of the 2022/23 end of year expenditure and supporting metrics via the Better Care Fund (BCF) awarded to the Tameside locality. The fund also includes the national discharge funding that was awarded to the locality during the financial year.</p> <p>The core purpose of BCF is to support people to live healthy, independent and dignified lives, through joining up health, social care and housing services seamlessly around the person.</p> <p>The two core BCF objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer • Provide the right care in the right place at the right time <p>These requirements focus the use of BCF funding on the objectives of the fund and improving performance against key metrics for working age and older adults.</p> <p>Ring fenced Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding continues to be allocated through the BCF</p> <p>Locality areas are required to report on the performance of the initiatives supported via BCF investment. The end of year return is to be approved locally by Health and Wellbeing boards with subsequent confirmation sent to regional and national teams.</p>
Recommendations:	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Board approve the Tameside Locality Better Care Fund 2022/23 end of year return (Appendix 1).</p> <p>The provisional return was submitted to the national Better Care Fund Team by the 23 May 2023 deadline and was subject to Health and Wellbeing Board approval. Subsequent approval confirmation will be sent to the national team.</p>
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	<p>The report provides details of the Tameside locality Better Care Fund end of year return for the financial year 2022/23 (Appendix 1), a total locality funding allocation of £37.551m.</p> <p>The table below provides a summary of the funding allocated to the Council and the Integrated Care Board. The locality fully expended the total allocation awarded of £37.551m (table 1, section 2.6) refers.</p>

	2022/23 Funding		
	Council	ICB	Total
	£ m	£ m	£ m
Revenue			
Better Care Fund	12.441	7.029	19.470
Improved Better Care Fund	12.585	0	12.585
Discharge Fund	0.962	1.685	2.647
Sub Total	25.988	8.714	34.702
Capital			
Disabled Facilities Grant	2.849	0	2.849
Total	28.837	8.714	37.551

More widely, the system provided for £134.611m in the 2022/23 Section 75 pooled fund, albeit this has been complicated by the incorporation of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board (GMICB) in July 2022.

The 2022/23 revenue funding allocations awarded to the Council are included within the 2022/23 Adult Services net revenue outturn total of £48.682m against a budget of £45.961m. The primary cause of the cost pressure (£2.721m) was due to additional demographic demand on short and long term placements compared to the budgeted level and the locality worked to manage this across the system. At year-end, the Council had delivered exceptionally to the Discharge to Assess scheme. This supports the wider system but placed additional pressure on a fragile and scarce market, particularly for short-term residential and nursing placements.

The Disabled Facilities Grant allocation was received as a capital grant by the Council and was used to support household adaptations that maximise independence and support vulnerable adults to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. In doing so, the Council delivers the right outcome for the resident at the right price, ensuring it remained as efficient as it could be in delivering vital services. The out-turn position was a use of grant to the value of £2.593m to support ongoing and enhanced activity in this area as a key opportunity to support residents effectively whilst managing the Adult Social Care revenue budget efficiently to ensure expenditure does not exceed planned resources.

The revenue and capital allocations were subject to robust monitoring within the Adult Services Directorate budgets during the 2022/23 financial year, the details of which were reported to the Council's Executive Cabinet. Each of the funding allocations were also be monitored in accordance with their related grant conditions.

The related metrics for the Tameside locality that were delivered by the investment in 2022/23 are provided in section 4 of **Appendix 1**.

It is essential that equivalent robust monitoring arrangements

continue in 2023/24 and beyond to ensure that the expected outcomes are delivered. Mitigating actions will be required during the year where there is a risk of any adverse variance to the expected levels.

Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

The Better Care Fund Framework 2022/23 is a central government initiative intended to ensuring joint working between health, social care and housing services to help older people and those with complex needs and disabilities to live at home for longer.

As part of this joint working, local authorities are required to develop capacity and demand plans for intermediate care covering both admissions avoidance and hospital discharge across health and social care to help the system prepare for winter.

Further details in relation to the operation of the Fund are detailed in the main body of the report.

Links to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

The Better Care Fund is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires Integrated Care Board (ICB) and local government to agree a joint plan, owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

These are joint plans for using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).

Risk Management:

This report sets out how the funding was used to avoid the risk of recovery.

Access to Information:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer, Tracey Harrison



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report details the 2022/23 Better Care Fund (BCF) end of year position for the Tameside locality, which incorporates the national discharge funding, awarded during the financial year.
- 1.2 The core purpose of BCF is to support people to live healthy, independent and dignified lives, through joining up health, social care and housing services seamlessly around the person. The two core BCF objectives are:
- Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
 - Provide the right care in the right place at the right time
- 1.3 2022/23 was a transitional period for the BCF that included engagement with Integrated Care Boards following the publication of the Integration White paper. The BCF is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires Integrated Care Boards (ICB) and local government to agree a joint plan that is overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 1.4 There were minimal changes made to the BCF in 2022/23. The 2022/23 BCF policy framework was designed to build on progress made during the COVID-19 pandemic by strengthening the integration of commissioning and delivery of services and delivering person-centred care, as well as continuing to support system recovery from the pandemic.
- 1.5 As in previous years, the NHS contribution to the BCF includes funding to support the implementation of the Care Act 2014. In addition, BCF includes the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) and the national discharge funding that was awarded during the financial year was included within the BCF reporting process.

2. BETTER CARE FUND 2022/23

- 2.1 The Government published the Policy Framework for the 2022/23 BCF via the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-care-fund-policy-framework-2022-to-2023>
- 2.2 At the same time, NHS England and the LGA published the Planning Requirements for the BCF via the following link:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/B1296-Better-Care-Fund-planning-requirements-2022-23.pdf>
- 2.3 The national conditions for the BCF in 2022/23 were :-
- A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioner, signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
 - NHS contribution to adult social care at Health and Wellbeing Board level to be maintained in line the uplift to NHS minimum contribution. Page 134
 - Invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services.
 - A plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital.
 - Implementing the BCF policy objectives.
- 2.4 The 2022/23 end of year BCF report is provided at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.5 The provisional return was submitted to the national Better Care Fund Team by the 23 May 2023 deadline and was subject to Health and Wellbeing Board approval.

Subsequent approval confirmation will be sent to the national team.

2.6 **Table 1** provides details of the 2022/23 year end expenditure compared to funding awarded to the Tameside locality. The locality fully expended the total allocation awarded of £37.551m.

Table 1

	2022/23 Council			2022/23 ICB			2022/23 Total		
	Funding	Outturn	Var	Funding	Outturn	Var	Funding	Outturn	Var
	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m	£ m
Revenue									
Better Care Fund	12.441	12.697	0.256	7.029	7.029	0	19.470	19.726	0.256
Improved Better Care Fund	12.585	12.585	0	0	0	0	12.585	12.585	0
Discharge Fund	0.962	0.962	0	1.685	1.685	0	2.647	2.647	0
Sub Total	25.988	26.244	0.256	8.714	8.714	0.000	34.702	34.958	0.256
Capital									
Disabled Facilities Grant	2.849	2.593	-0.256	0	0	0	2.849	2.593	-0.256
Total	28.837	28.837	0	8.714	8.714	0	37.551	37.551	0

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 As set out at the front of the report.

