

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	14 March 2024
Executive Member/Reporting Officer:	<p>Councillor Eleanor Wills – Executive Member for Population Health & Wellbeing</p> <p>Councillor John Taylor - Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Homelessness and Inclusivity</p> <p>Stephanie Butterworth - Director of Adult Services</p> <p>Trish Cavanagh – Deputy Place Based Lead, Tameside Locality</p>
Subject:	BETTER CARE FUND 2023/24 QUARTER 3 MONITORING
Report Summary:	<p>This report provides details the Quarter 3 monitoring return against the 2023/24 Better Care Fund (BCF) plan.</p> <p>It is a requirement that locality areas provide regular monitoring updates to the Health and Wellbeing board prior to submission. This as part of the national assurance and moderation process.</p>
Recommendations:	The Health and Wellbeing Board approve the Tameside Locality Better Care Fund 2023/24 quarter 3 monitoring return (Appendix 1). It should be noted that the return was submitted to the BCF national team by the due deadline of 9 February 2024.
Links to the Health & Wellbeing Strategy:	<p>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.</p> <p>These are joint plans for using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).</p>
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	<p>The report provides details of the 2023/24 Quarter 3 Tameside locality Better Care Fund (BCF) plan monitoring return (Appendix 1 refers).</p> <p>The 2023/24 locality BCF plan was formally approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 15 June 2023.</p> <p>The plan included the following funding allocations awarded to the Tameside locality for the financial year periods 2023/24 and 2024/25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revenue Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Better Care Fund • Improved Better Care Fund • Discharge Funding - Capital Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled Facilities Grant <p>Table 1 provides details of the BCF funding awarded in 2023/24.</p>

Table 1

	2023/24 Funding		
	Council	ICB	Total
	£ m	£ m	£ m
Revenue			
Better Care Fund	13.145	7.427	20.572
Improved Better Care Fund	12.585	0	12.585
Discharge Fund	1.765	1.598	3.363
Sub Total	27.495	9.025	36.520
Capital			
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	2.849	0	2.849
DFG - Additional	0.249	0	0.249
Sub Total	3.098	0	3.098
Total	30.593	9.025	39.618

The 2023/24 revenue funding allocations awarded to the Council are included within the 2023/24 Adult Services net revenue budget of £44.339m. The Disabled Facilities Grant allocation is included within the 2023/24 Adult Services capital programme.

The revenue and capital budget allocations are subject to robust monthly monitoring within the Adult Services Directorate budgets during the 2023/24 financial year, the details of which are reported to the Council's Executive Cabinet. Each of the funding allocations are also be monitored in accordance with their related grant conditions.

The quarter 3 monitoring return of the related metrics, activity and expenditure for the Tameside locality that are delivered by the schemes within the 2023/24 plan are provided in **Appendix 1**.

**Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the
Borough Solicitor)**

There is a requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the Tameside Locality Better Care Fund Quarter returns and which is provided in this report.

The Better Care Fund (BCF) reporting requirements are set out in the BCF Planning Requirements document for 2023-25, which supports the aims of the BCF Policy Framework and the BCF programme.

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, Stephen Wilde



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides details of the Quarter 3 monitoring return against the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan 2023/25.
- 1.2 It is a requirement that locality areas provide regular monitoring updates to the Health and Wellbeing board prior to submission. This is part of the national assurance and moderation process.
- 1.3 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
- 1.4 The BCF plan 2023/25 includes the following metrics:
 - Unplanned hospitalisations for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions,
 - Proportion of hospital discharges to a person's usual place of residence,
 - Admissions to long term residential or nursing care for people over 65,
 - Reablement outcomes (people aged over 65 still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital to reablement or rehabilitation at home), and;
 - Emergency hospital admissions for people over 65 following a fall.

2. 2023/24 MONITORING

- 2.1 As part of the BCF plan 2023/25 the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed our integrated plans for Urgent Care, Length of Stay (LOS) and discharge, out of hospital 2 hour urgent care response all of which are supported and embedded through BCF funding and linked to the capacity and demand monitoring.
- 2.2 A key focus on reducing the length of stay for residents/patients both in hospital and in intermediate care has meant the locality has been able to sustain increased demand within existing capacity. However, we have seen an increased demand for community reablement and so capacity has been increased accordingly.
- 2.3 There is a new reporting requirement for expenditure and activity in quarter 3, which is included in **Appendix 1**. The data presented relates to selected schemes for the reporting period 1 April to 31 December 2023.
- 2.4 **Appendix 1** provides the 2023/24 quarter 3 monitoring return for approval. It should be noted that the return was submitted to the BCF national team by the due deadline of 9 February 2024.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As stated on the report cover.