

# Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 2 Quarterly Reporting Template

<b>Report To (Meeting):</b>	ONE Stockport Health and Care Locality Board		
<b>Report From (Board Lead)</b>	Sarah Dillon, Director Adult Social Care, Stockport MBC		
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<b>Date:</b>	18 October 2023	<b>Agenda Item No:</b>	9
<b>Previously Considered by:</b>	n/a		

## **Purpose of the report:**

To receive the Better Care Fund (BCF) 2023 – 25 Quarter 2 Reporting Template for ahead of the deadline for submission to NHS England which is 31 October 2023.

## **Key points (Executive Summary):**

- The Better Care Fund (BCF) is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires integrated care boards (ICBs) and local government to agree a joint plan, owned by the health and wellbeing board (HWB). These are joint plans for using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).
- Stockport submitted the BCF Planning Submission 2023 – 25 in line with the national conditions in June 2023 (following approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 14 June 2023).
- As part of this submission ambitions and plans for performance against BCF national metrics were included alongside a Capacity & Demand Template detailing the anticipated demand and planned capacity for different types of support for the financial year 2023/ 24.
- The Quarter 2 Reporting Template gives Stockport the opportunity to refresh the submitted capacity and demand plans, alongside providing information on challenges, achievements and support needs.
- The metrics around unscheduled admissions, falls, discharge destination, residential admissions and reablement are on track to meet the targets set in June 2023.
- The review of the Capacity & Demand Template submitted in June 2023 has indicated that the estimates for demand and plans for capacity remain consistent with the figures submitted earlier in the year. Our ongoing analysis of the demands on the system will continue to inform our iterative planning.
- There has been some increased demand in our reablement capacity which was highlighted as a challenge. Additional investment and recruitment has provided some additional capacity.
- Age UK have been able to introduce flexibility into their Pathway 0 support offer to manage the additional demand that the system is seeing for people who are seeking to remain at home or return home following a hospital stay.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other projected demands and capacity to address them remain consistent with the original projections and there is proposed investment through the Urgent and Emergency Care Support Grant around Technology Enabled Care and the infrastructure to support prompt assessment and flow through the system.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation:</b>
The Board are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve the Better Care Fund (BCF) 2023 – 25 Quarter 2 Reporting Template ahead of the deadline for submission to NHS England, which is 31 October 2023, signing off the submission on behalf of the Stockport Health and Wellbeing Board.</li> </ul>
<b>Decision</b>   <b>X</b>   <b>Discuss/Direction</b>     <b>Information/Assurance</b>

<b>Aims (please indicate x)</b>		
Which integrated care aim(s) is / are supported by this report:	People are happier and healthier and inequalities are reduced	<b>X</b>
	There are safe, high-quality services which make best use of the Stockport pound	<b>X</b>
	Everyone takes responsibility for their health with the right support	<b>X</b>
	We support local social and economic development together	<b>X</b>

<b>Conflicts of Interests</b>	
Potential Conflicts of Interest:	None noted

<b>Risk and Assurance:</b>	
List all strategic and high-level risks relevant to this paper	<p>Stockport is required to provide assurance in the Reporting Template that the BCF national conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A jointly agreed plan (is in place) between local health and social care commissioners, signed off by the HWB;</li> <li>Implementing BCF policy objective 1: enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer;</li> <li>Implementing BCF policy objective 2: providing the right care, at the right place, at the right time;</li> <li>Maintaining the NHS’s contribution to adult social care (in line with the uplift to the NHS minimum contribution to the BCF), and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services</li> </ul> <p>Without this assurance funding through the BCF would be at risk.</p>

<b>Consultation and Engagement:</b>	
<b>Local People / Patient Engagement:</b>	<i>No engagement has taken place in relation to the Reporting Template</i>

<b>Workforce Engagement:</b>	<i>The figures within the report have been collated alongside colleagues across the Health and Social Care System in Stockport</i>
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<b>Potential Implications:</b>					
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Please note - All reports with a financial implication require detail of the level of funding, funding stream and comments from Finance.	Non-Recurrent Expenditure	£0			
	Recurrent Expenditure (please state annual cost)	£41,273,266 (Total BCF Pooled Budget for 2023/24)			
	Funding stream	Yes	No		
	Included in the s75 Pooled Budget	X			
	GM ICB (Stockport) delegated budget				
	Other, please specify:				
<b>Finance Comments:</b>	n/a				
<b>Performance Impact:</b>	n/a				
<b>Workforce Impact:</b>	n/a				
<b>Quality and Safety Impact:</b>	n/a				
<b>Compliance and/or Legal Impact:</b>	Arrangements relating to the s75 budget are included in a separate submission to Locality Board				
<b>Equality and Diversity:</b> Has an equality impact assessment been completed?	General Statement: Subject to EDI assessment				
	If Not Applicable please explain why	Yes	x	No	
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<b>Environmental Impact:</b> Has an environmental impact assessment been completed?	General Statement:				
	If Not Applicable please explain why	Yes		No	
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