

COVERING NOTE BETTER CARE FUND 2023/24

To present the Better Care Fund Year End Reporting Template 2023/24 which was submitted to the national BCF Team by the submission deadline of 23rd May 2024 and provide and update on the financial performance of the Better Care Fund (BCF) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Better Care Fund (BCF) Policy Framework sets out the Government's priorities for 2023-25, including improving discharge, reducing the pressure on Urgent and Emergency Care and social care, supporting intermediate care, unpaid carers and housing adaptations.

The vision for the BCF over 2023-25 is to support people to live healthy, independent and dignified lives, through joining up health, social care and housing services seamlessly around the person. This vision is underpinned by the two core BCF objectives:

1. Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
2. Provide the right care in the right place at the right time

The BCF Year End Template submission (Appendix 1) focuses on expenditure and activity at Q4 for key metrics which supported the localities BCF planning submission for 2023-25.

The analysis in Appendix 2 provides an update at Q4 on the overall financial performance of the BCF.

Recommendations

The Board are recommended to:

Approve the BCF Year End Reporting Template submitted to the National BCF Team on 23 May 2024.

Note the finance performance of the BCF as at 31 March 2024 (Quarter 4).

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