

Westminster Health & Wellbeing Board

RBKC Health & Wellbeing Board

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Policy Context:	Health and Wellbeing
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report aims to update the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) on the Better Care Fund 23/25 submission and further actions since the meeting held on 8 June. The total amount available to invest across the respective BCF Plans has not changed, as per section 2, but there have been amendments to the way some schemes have been defined within the BCF minimum spend. The overall strategy, undertaken by NW London ICB, for the BCF has been to ensure there is alignment across all NW London BCF minimum spends. This is now shown as “additional NHS contribution.
- 1.2 Section 3 summarises the quarterly reporting process as per national conditions and the need for the HWB to agree prior to submission on the 30 October.
- 1.3 HWBB members are to note:
 - The BCF Plans for Westminster and RBKC have been submitted and have been through regional assurance. We are now awaiting final confirmation from the national NCF team but do not expect any issues.
 - The quarter 2 performance report covering the BCF metrics and spend is due on the 30 October and needs to be agreed by the HWBB before submission. This

report seeks agreement, the performance report is delegated to the chair and co-chair in consultation with the BCF Lead prior to submission.

2. BCF Submission

- 2.1 Following a delay in the submission, the BCF plans for Westminster and RBKC have been agreed and have been through the regional assurance. We are now awaiting final confirmation from the national NCF team but do not expect any issues.
- 2.2 The planned submission date was not originally met due to NW London ICB making changes to the BCF minimum spend for social care and being unable to agree the national NW London ICB discharge allocation. This resulted in a number of the HWBB in the NW London ICB area being subject to a regional escalation process to resolve funding presentation and decisions. This resulted in a revised submission date and agreement to support a NW London led review of the BCF schemes to align with local authority budget setting and planning cycle. This review will inform 2024/5 BCF programme.
- 2.3 The following table summarises the 23/24 BCF submission.

Table 1: Westminster's submission

Running Balances	2023-24			2024-25		
	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
DFG	£1,729,201	£1,729,201	£0	£1,729,201	£1,729,201	£0
Minimum NHS Contribution	£24,627,423	£24,627,423	£0	£26,021,335	£26,021,335	£0
iBCF	£17,649,014	£17,649,014	£0	£17,649,014	£17,649,014	£0
Additional NHS Contribution	£2,941,559	£2,941,559	£0	£2,941,559	£2,941,559	£0
Local Authority Discharge Funding	£2,474,364	£2,474,364	£0	£4,107,445	£4,107,445	£0
ICB Discharge Funding	£573,454	£573,454	£0	£573,454	£573,454	£0
Total	£49,995,015	£49,995,015	£0	£53,022,008	£53,022,008	£0

Table 2: Kensington's submission

Running Balances	2023-24			2024-25		
	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
DFG	£959,824	£959,824	£0	£959,824	£959,824	£0
Minimum NHS Contribution	£15,684,245	£15,684,245	£0	£16,571,974	£16,571,974	£0
iBCF	£7,661,937	£7,661,937	£0	£7,661,937	£7,661,937	£0
Additional NHS Contribution	£1,835,679	£1,835,679	£0	£1,835,679	£1,835,679	£0
Local Authority Discharge Funding	£1,074,192	£1,074,192	£0	£1,783,158	£1,783,158	£0
ICB Discharge Funding	£981,008	£981,008	£0	£981,008	£981,008	£0
Total	£28,196,885	£28,196,885	£0	£29,793,580	£29,793,580	£0

- 2.4 The ICB full discharge funding element is still to conclude and be contracted through the wider Section 75 for the BCF.

3 **2023/24 BCF Review**

- 3.1 A 23/24 BCF review has been agreed with NW London ICB to be undertaken jointly with the LA and Health. The aim is to ensure the BCF programme is aligned to national objectives and local priorities and to inform future spending. At this stage the terms of reference are to be coproduced with NW London ICB and any decisions on individual schemes will need to be aligned with LA financial planning timescales.
- 3.2 Long term discharge funding solutions need to be agreed through the review process and included in the terms of reference.

4 **BCF Quarterly reporting**

- 4.1 As per the national BCF conditions, quarterly reporting will be re-commencing from Quarter 2 covering 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023.
- 4.2 **Before submission** the report must be signed off by HWBB before it is submitted on 31 October 2023 and will cover the following areas:
- How the BCF plan is meeting National Conditions
 - Performance against the 5 National metrics
 - Review of the Demand and Capacity plans from Nov 2023 – March 2024.
- 4.3 Based on Q1 performance there are presently no quality issues to highlight in terms of the delivery of the plan.

If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the background papers, please contact:

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