

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Subject: Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter 3 Submission 2023 – 2025

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SUMMARY

The Better Care Fund (BCF) paper setting out Hammersmith & Fulham (H&F) and the H&F Integrated Care Board (ICB)'s BCF quarter 3 submission 2023 - 2025 to NHS England detailing the following:

- Planned and actual expenditure to date.
- Planned and actual outputs delivered to date.

The BCF quarter 3 submission 2023 - 2025 forms part of ongoing submissions to NHS England following sign off from the Health and Wellbeing Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Health & Wellbeing Board, retrospectively agrees the BCF quarter 3 report that enabled submission to NHS England by the 9 February 2024 deadline.
2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board receive an end of year report outlining the outcomes of each scheme and the difference it has made for residents of H&F.

Wards Affected: (Give the Wards directly affected, or "None" or "All")

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Creating a compassionate council	The Better Care Fund supports community health and social care resources to reduce the number of people who need to be admitted to hospital and supporting people to get home as soon as they are well.

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. In accordance with the statutory duties and powers given to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Board's Terms of Reference in Hammersmith & Fulham Council's constitution include overseeing the development and use of the Better Care Fund (BCF) by the Council and the H&F Integrated Care System (ICS).
2. For clarity, the Better Care Fund supports community health and social care resources to reduce the number of people who need to be admitted to hospital. Residents that do require admission to hospital are supported to get home as soon as they are well.
3. The deadline date set by NHS England for submission of the BCF quarter 3 submission 2023 - 2025 to NHS England was 9 February 2024. The H&F HWB did not sit in February 2024 which meant the Chair of the H&F Health and Wellbeing Board had to review and approve the final version of the BCF quarter 3 submission 2023 – 2025 before officers submitted it to NHS England.
4. The HWB is asked to retrospectively sign off the BCF quarter 3 submission 2023 - 2025 which is enclosed with this paper.

HWB BCF requirements

5. The HWB is required to confirm whether the four national conditions detailed in the Better Care Fund planning requirements for 2023-25 continue to be met through the delivery of joint BCF plan¹
6. The four national conditions are as follows:
 - National condition 1: Plans to be jointly agreed – This continues to be met.
 - National condition 2: Implementing BCF Policy Objective 1: Enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer – This continues to be met as the H&F BCF plan 2023-2025 comprises a list of relevant BCF funded services that were jointly agreed by all partners and signed off by the H&F HWB on 20 September 2023. The enclosed quarter 3 submission template contains the list of H&F BCF funded services.

¹ [Better Care Fund planning](#)

- National condition 3: Implementing BCF Policy Objective 2: Providing the right care in the right place at the right time – This continues to be met as the H&F BCF plan 2023-2025 comprises a list of relevant BCF funded services that were jointly agreed by all partners and signed off by the H&F HWB on 20 September 2023. The enclosed quarter 3 submission template contains the list of H&F BCF funded services.
- National condition 4: Maintaining NHS contribution to adult social care and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services. – This continues to be met as the H&F BCF plan 2023-2025 comprises a list of relevant BCF funded services that were jointly agreed by all partners and signed off by the H&F HWB on 20 September 2023. The enclosed quarter 3 submission template contains the list of H&F BCF funded services showing the NHS contribution to adult social care and NHS commissioned out of hospital services.

7. The key purposes of BCF reporting are as follows:

- To confirm the status of continued compliance against the requirements of the fund (BCF).
- In Quarter 2 to refresh capacity and demand plans, and in Quarter 3 to confirm activity to date, where BCF funded schemes include output estimates, and at the End of Year actual income and expenditure in BCF plans.
- To provide information from local areas on challenges, achievements and support needs in progressing the delivery of BCF plans, including performance metrics.
- To enable the use of this information for national partners to inform future direction and for local areas to inform improvements.

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – H&F Council and H&F ICB's BCF quarter 3 submission 2023 - 2025