

North Somerset Council

Report to the Health & Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting: 1st of November 2023

Subject of Report: Better Care Fund

Town or Parish: All

Officer/Member Presenting: Gerald Hunt Assistant Director of Commissioning, Partnerships and Housing

Key Decision: No

Reason:

As it results in the Local Authority incurring expenditure or making savings of £500,000 or over

And it is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the Local Authority

Recommendations

To delegate to the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board to approve the submission for November 2023 of the Quarter 2 Better Care Fund performance report.

1. Summary of Report

The reporting requirements for Health & Wellbeing meetings and BCF national reporting deadlines, remain unaligned, This report seeks delegated authority for the sign off of performance reporting which it is a requirement it is to be presented to the Board for sign off.

2. Policy

The BCF Plan supports several of the Corporate Plan priorities, including:

BEING A COUNCIL THAT EMPOWERS AND CARES ABOUT PEOPLE.

- A commitment to protect the most vulnerable people in our communities.
- A focus on tackling inequalities, improving outcomes.
- Partnerships which enhance skills, learning and employment opportunities.

AN OPEN AND ENABLING ORGANISATION

- Engage with and empower our communities.
- Empower our staff and encourage continuous improvement and innovation.
- Manage our resources and invest wisely.

- Embrace new and emerging technology.
- Make the best use of our data and information.
- Provide professional, efficient, and effective services.
- Collaborate with partners to deliver the best outcomes.

The Corporate Plan details about Adult Social Care

“The system for funding adult social care is widely recognised as no longer fit for purpose with a national solution for sustainable funding being essential. Care markets locally and nationally are challenged by rising costs, staff shortages and the ongoing need to maintain quality. As demand for these services increase in line with an aging population, so does the cost to the council, coinciding with almost a decade of reducing government funding for local authorities.”

We must commission a range of services across adult social care that prevent and / or delay people from needing to rely on statutory services for as long as possible. Details of how we will achieve this will reflect a move to offering better outcomes, that improve and maintain the confidence and therefore, wellbeing of service users. We also intend to focus on support for informal Carers to maintain their caring role, delaying the need for large packages of care and placements into care homes.

The services in this commissioning plan are key to the commitments in respect of Adult Social Services priorities for 2023/24.

Directorate Wide Commitments

Our Commitment What is the Outcome we Expect

Enable people to have independence, access to services, and reduce inequalities. North Somerset residents have good quality of life and good health and wellbeing.

Ensure we deliver and commission high quality services. Residents have good quality of life and satisfaction with the services they receive.

Reablement and TEC Pathway Commitments

Our Commitment What is the Outcome we Expect

Provide an effective wellbeing service. We support people to remain part of their community and reduces overreliance on commissioned domiciliary care services.

Establish a therapy led reablement service, with TEC first approach for the whole community. Preventing the requirement for statutory services and enabling people to stay in their own homes for longer.

Integrated Commissioning and ICP development commitments

Our Commitment What is the Outcome we Expect

Contribute to the ICP development and ensure North Somerset has a voice. Housing and social care voice is active in the delivery of ICP Partnership arrangements.

Contribute to the Development of Effective Housing with Support solutions for all adults with care and support needs Supports quality of life for residents and satisfaction with the services they receive.

Operational Service Development commitments

Our Commitment What is the Outcome we Expect

Ensure people have a variety of options for accessing information and identifying solutions.

People can get the right advice and information more quickly and conveniently.

Ensure carers are supported. Carers have access to information and services to support them in their caring role.

3. Details

The following Performance report is to be reported to Health and Wellbeing board, unfortunately at report dispatch for this meeting the report has yet to be finalised and will need to be reported retrospectively to Board. The format of the report has been subject to four version changes prior to its finalisation. Appendix One includes the current performance report format. The BCF is subject to extensive reporting including additional fortnightly and monthly reports on expenditure and activity as well as these mandatory quarterly reports.

The template has been developed to collect:

Confirmation of S75 agreements and that national conditions are being met

Updates on metric ambitions

As well as reporting, it also includes refreshed capacity and demand plans for Nov 2023 – Mar 2024

In advance of the report completion, I have enclosed a snapshot of Length of Stay positions with regard to Hospital Discharge pathways and for P1 and P2 performance continues to improve.

Community LOS

	P1				P2				P3			
	Aug 23 Performance	Target	21/22 Av LOS	Direction of travel from Av Apr to Apr 23	Aug 23 Performance	Target	21/22 Av LOS	Direction of travel from Av Apr to Apr 23	Aug 23 Performance	Target	21/22 Av LOS	Direction of travel from Av Apr to Apr 23
Bristol	6.8	10	23.6	↓	39.2	21	34.8	↑	66.9	28	53.7	↑
North Som	9.9	10	16.7	↓	25.3	21	33.1	↓	44.3	28	37.8	↑
South Glos	11.6	10	12.0	-	30.1	21	32.1	↓	38.8	28	37.8	-

4. Consultation

N/A

5. Financial Implications

N/A

6. Legal Powers and Implications

N/A

7. Climate Change and Environmental Implications

8. Risk Management

N/A

9. Equality Implications

[Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? Yes/No No

10. Corporate Implications

N/A

11. Options Considered

N/A

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Appendices:

Appendix One BCF Quarter Two Submission

Background Papers:

BCF Plan 2023 -25