

BCF Q2 submission

2023-24

Key information

- BCF Q2 report should be submitted by **31st October 2023**
- Its contents need to be **signed off by your Health and Wellbeing Boards**
- Recording from a briefing session on completing the template is available on the Better Care Exchange. If you would like to join the Better Care Exchange, please request to join by emailing England.bettercareexchange@nhs.net
- Q2 templates have been re-published a few times due to some errors. The latest version is v4 and it has been saved on the Teams Share Point- **please ensure you update V4 on the Share Point, which is the MASTER version**
- 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

Key changes

- **A new tab** has been added to the sheet with a set of specific narrative questions (**C&D Guidance & Assumptions** tab)
- Summary tables have been added to the top of both hospital and community sheets, so it should be faster and easier to see capacity gaps and surpluses
- Rehabilitation and reablement have been combined into one line
- **Spot purchasing is now being collected in the plans:**
 - ❑ This should be **capacity that is additional to the main estimate of commissioned/contracted capacity** (i.e. the spot purchased figure should not be included in the commissioned capacity figure)
 - ❑ This figure should represent capacity that your local area is **confident it can spot-purchase and is affordable**, recognising that it is unlikely to be best value for money and local areas will be working to reduce this area of spend in the longer term
 - ❑ It remains the case that spot purchasing may not result in the best outcomes for people and is not being encouraged through the inclusion of this request for separate data
- If **unable to estimate a number for Pathway zero category of discharges please put zero** and do not default to all Pathway 0 discharges