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**Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 3 Quarterly Reporting Template**

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**Checklist**

Complete:

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Has this report been signed off by (or on behalf of) the HWB at the time of submission?	Yes
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2. Cover	Yes
3. National Conditions	Yes
4. Metrics	Yes
5. Spend and activity	Yes

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**3. National Conditions**

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board:

Reading

<b>Has the section 75 agreement for your BCF plan been finalised and signed off?</b>	No	
<b>If it has not been signed off, please provide the date the section 75 agreement is expected to be signed off</b>	22/02/2024	
<b>Confirmation of National Conditions</b>		
<b>National Conditions</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>If the answer is "No" please provide an explanation as to why the condition</b>
1) Jointly agreed plan	Yes	
2) Implementing BCF Policy Objective 1: Enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer	Yes	
3) Implementing BCF Policy Objective 2: Providing the right care in the right place at the right time	Yes	
4) Maintaining NHS's contribution to adult social care and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services	Yes	

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4. Metrics

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board:

National data may be unavailable at the time of reporting. As such, please use data that may only be available system-wide and other local intelligence.

**Challenges and Support** Please describe any challenges faced in meeting the planned target, and please highlight any support that may facilitate or ease the achievements of metric plans

**Achievements** Please describe any achievements, impact observed or lessons learnt when considering improvements being pursued for the respective metrics

**Checklist**  
Complete:

Metric	Definition	For information - Your planned performance as reported in 2023-24 planning				For information - actual performance for Q1	For information - actual performance for Q2	Assessment of progress against the metric plan for	Challenges and any Support Needs in Q3	Q3 Achievements - including where BCF funding is supporting improvements.
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
<b>Avoidable admissions</b>	Unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions (NHS Outcome Framework indicator 2.3i)	197.0	174.0	198.0	198.0	187.8	173.5	On track to meet target	This continues to be challenging as a result of the request for 'stretching targets' to be set. Whilst we are on track at the moment, a severe winter could impact particularly for people with respiratory diseases and we continue to engage with our health care system partners and voluntary and community sector with the aim of ensuring people are able to stay warm, and have the right support and advice to support their wellbeing.	We have pooled funding from the Inequalities and Prevention fund into our Better Care Fund Section 75 Framework Agreement, which is funding a Community Wellness Outreach project to deliver NHS Health Checks in Community based settings, reaching into communities where uptake of Health Checks has been historically low. This is a collaborative project, that will ensure timely referral for clinical care follow up and encompasses wrap around care through social prescribing to support health lifestyles. The project engages system partners across Health, Social Care, Voluntary & Community Sector and Primary Care to co-produce a service that supports the health and wellbeing of the people in our communities.
<b>Discharge to normal place of residence</b>	Percentage of people who are discharged from acute hospital to their normal place of residence	92.6%	92.1%	92.2%	92.0%	92.1%	91.8%	Not on track to meet target	There have been more complex cases on discharge from hospital, which has meant an increase in admissions to residential/nursing homes, also impacting on this target.	Our current forecast against this metric is within 1% of the target. Through discharge funding we have been able to provide reablement training to home care/domiciliary care providers to support discharge to home where this is appropriate.

Yes
Yes

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
<b>Falls</b>	Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over directly age standardised rate per 100,000.		2,272.0			334.9	383.3	On track to meet target	Data continues to be monitored and a Falls & Frailty Programme Manager is being recruited which has been challenging. Once in post there will be a full diagnostic review of falls across Berkshire West, and programme of work based on the outcomes of the diagnostic to ensure the right support is in place to continue to prevent admissions due to falls.	We have seen a 41% decrease in the number of admissions due to falls in 2023/24 compared to the same period in 2022/23. We believe this may be due, in part, to the increased use of Technology Enabled Care, funded from BCF, alongside home adaptations, through the Disabled Facilities Grant, to support people to remain well at home, in line with BCF Objective 1.	Yes
<b>Residential Admissions</b>	Rate of permanent admissions to residential care per 100,000 population (65+)		433			2022-23 ASCDF outcome: 398.1		Not on track to meet target	We have seen a 50% increase, compared to the average across the previous 5 years, in admission numbers, indicating increased complexity. Of the numbers admitted, the level of complex care beds needed has increased from an average of 8% to 25% for this year. The current, straight line, projection to year end is 514. Performance against this target has also impacted the metric for Discharge to Normal Place of Residence.	The capacity has been available to support people who need this more complex level of care, ensuring they get the right level of care, in the right place at the right time in line with BCF Objective 2.	Yes
<b>Reablement</b>	Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services		82.5%			2022-23 ASCDF outcome: 79.4%		Not on track to meet target	We have updated our triage process to improve the appropriateness of referrals into our reablement service. There have been a higher number of referrals of people aged 90+, some who have been very unwell. The main reason that has not been met is as a result of people referred into reablement that passed away within the 91 day period following discharge.	We have seen improvements in Q3 (Oct to Dec) and have moved within half a percent of the target: Oct 80.6%, Nov 83.5%, Dec 83.3%, and we are aiming to continue this trend as the new triage process is embedded.	Yes

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6. Spend and activity

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board:

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Scheme ID	Scheme Name	Scheme Type	Sub Types	Source of Funding	Planned Expenditure	Actual Expenditure to date	Planned outputs	Outputs delivered to date (estimate if unsure) (Number or NA)	Unit of Measure	Have there been any implementation issues?	If yes, please briefly describe the issue(s) and any actions that have been/are being implemented as a result.
2	Reablement	Home-based intermediate care services	Reablement at home (to support)	Minimum NHS Contribution	£1,969,996	£1,477,497	784	588	Packages	No	
3	Step Down Beds - Discharge to Assess	Bed based intermediate Care Services (Reablement,	Bed-based intermediate care with	Minimum NHS Contribution	£322,691	£242,018	18	3	Number of placements	No	
4	Step Down Beds - Discharge to Assess (Physiotherapy)	Bed based intermediate Care Services (Reablement,	Bed-based intermediate care with	Minimum NHS Contribution	£82,744	£62,058	18	3	Number of placements	No	
8	TEC Equipment	Assistive Technologies and Equipment	Assistive technologies including	Minimum NHS Contribution	£204,500	£153,375	670	1,062	Number of beneficiaries	No	
9	Carers Funding - Grants, Voluntary	Carers Services	Respite services	Minimum NHS Contribution	£146,000	£103,500	50	37	Beneficiaries	No	
10	Carers Funding - Grants, Voluntary	Carers Services	Respite services	Additional LA Contribution	£305,000	£228,750	180	135	Beneficiaries	No	
19	Out Of Hospital - Community Geriatrician	Bed based intermediate Care Services (Reablement,	Bed-based intermediate care with	Minimum NHS Contribution	£124,369	£93,202	1,036	777	Number of placements	No	
20	Out Of Hospital - Intermediate Care (including integrated	Bed based intermediate Care Services (Reablement,	Bed-based intermediate care with	Minimum NHS Contribution	£1,003,326	£752,945	784	588	Number of placements	No	
22	Out Of Hospital - Intermediate Care night sitting, rapid response,	Bed based intermediate Care Services (Reablement,	Bed-based intermediate care with	Minimum NHS Contribution	£330,795	£248,096	1,656	1242	Number of placements	No	
24	Carers Funding ICB	Carers Services	Other	Minimum NHS Contribution	£113,023	£84,767	72	54	Beneficiaries	No	
27	Care Homes / RRaT	Home-based intermediate care services	Rehabilitation at home (accepting step	Minimum NHS Contribution	£620,562	£465,422	1,712	1284	Packages	No	
28	Discharge to Assess Beds	Bed based intermediate Care Services (Reablement,	Bed-based intermediate care with	Local Authority Discharge Funding	£270,400	£64,752	18	8	Number of placements	No	
30	TEC Hospital Discharge	Assistive Technologies and Equipment	Assistive technologies including	ICB Discharge Funding	£100,000	£55,128	700	525	Number of beneficiaries	No	
31	Home Care Hours to support Discharge	Home Care or Domiciliary Care	Domiciliary care to support hospital	ICB Discharge Funding	£150,000	£58,459	14,768	2,689	Hours of care (Unless short-term in which case it is	Yes	Not issues with implementation but a correction to the outputs data. The planned outputs on the initial plan were incorrect. Home Care costs £21.74 per hour and for the allocated funding the maximum hours deliverable is 6,900. To date we have delivered 39% against that target.
35	Hospital / CRT Delivering extended hours / Bank holidays	Home-based intermediate care services	Rehabilitation at home (to support	Local Authority Discharge Funding	£40,000	£14,005	100	75	Packages	No	
36	Complex cases - High Cost Placement (including MH)	Residential Placements	Care home	ICB Discharge Funding	£249,925	£615,564	20	45	Number of beds/placements	Yes	There has been a significant increase in the need for complex care beds compared to previous years.
39	Social Care Workforce Development and Retention	Workforce recruitment and retention		ICB Discharge Funding	£20,000	£14,450		0	WTE's gained	Yes	This funding has not supported a particular number of staff but has contributed to reablement training of home care providers to support discharge.
41	IBCF	Home-based intermediate care services	Reablement at home (to support	IBCF	£2,692,624	£2,019,468	800	600	Packages	No	
42	DFG	DFG Related Schemes	Adaptations, including statutory DFG	DFG	£1,197,341	£898,006	48	58	Number of adaptations funded/people	No	
44	BHFT Re-ablement Contract	Home-based intermediate care services	Joint reablement and rehabilitation	Minimum NHS Contribution	£1,055,212	£791,409	1,712	1284	Packages	No	

Note: Line 2, Col. 9 Outputs - Number of Care Packages delivered as at end of December 2023 should be 1,888