

Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of Paper:	Better Care Fund 2022/23
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Purpose:	Decision / oversight and assurance /

1. Executive Summary

The report provides an overview of the Better Care Fund (BCF) outturn expenditure position for 2022-23 and seeks Health and Wellbeing Board approval and submission of the end of year finance and performance return. It includes information on Adult Social Care Discharge Funding which was added into the BCF in 2022. Details are provided in Appendix 1.

2. Purpose of the Paper

For a decision on submission of the BCF 2022/23 return and for the board to note 2023/24 planning submission deadlines.

3. Background, evidence base, and what needs to happen

The Better Care Fund was launched in 2015 to join up the NHS, social care and housing services so that older people, and those with complex needs, can manage their own health and wellbeing and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

The BCF requires local authorities to pool budgets, including £4.5 billion of NHS funding, £2.1 billion from the improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) grant to local authorities and £573 million from the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG). It also includes funding for Adult Social Care discharge newly introduced in 2022/23 to support timely hospital discharges.

4. Community/stakeholder engagement

The Better Care Fund is jointly produced with NHS partners to strengthen the integration of commissioning and delivery of services and providing person-centred care, as well as continuing to support system recovery from the pandemic.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board approve the Better Care Fund end of year submission for 2022/23 taking into account the investment and outturn details, as outlined in this report including the Adult Social Care discharge funding.
2. The 2023/24 planning submission be brought back to a future Health and Wellbeing Board for discussion and approval to meet the submission planning deadline.

6. City Benefits

It will strengthen focus on person-centred outcomes by focussing on the following 2 overarching objectives reflecting the priorities for health and social care integration:

- enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
- provide the right care in the right place at the right time

7. Financial and Legal Implications

Financial implications are set out in the report.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 Report to Health and Wellbeing Board on Better Care Fund 2022/23

Appendix 2 Adult Social Care Discharge Expenditure 2022/23

Appendix 3 BCF Submission (draft)