



**LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

Open Report on behalf of Martin Samuel, Executive Director – Adult Care and Community Wellbeing

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| Report to | <b>Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board</b> |
| Date:     | <b>12 March 2024</b>                           |
| Subject:  | <b>Lincolnshire Better Care Fund update</b>    |

**Summary:** The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national programme with a prescribed policy and planning framework. The BCF planning guidance for 2023-2025 (for two years) was submitted and approved by National Partners in September 2023. Quarterly reporting is to be submitted and approved by the HWB.

**Actions Required:**

The HWB is asked to review the 2023 - 25 Q2 Lincolnshire BCF report.

**1. Background**

The governance for the Better Care Fund (BCF) is prescribed within the BCF policy framework and includes that The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is required to approve all plans and reports regarding the BCF before they are submitted to regional leads for assurance.

**1.1 Quarter 3 BCF reporting**

As part of the BCF requirements as a system we are required to submit quarterly returns. This report was submitted before the deadline of the 9 February 2024 however it requires HWB retrospective approval. An update from the reporting on current work includes the following.

- As part of Quarter 3’s reporting we have been asked to update the national teams on spend and activity (tab 5) across some of the schemes for the BCF. All schemes are within current expenditure and not experiencing any implementation issues. It is likely that reporting on this will require to be refreshed for 24/25.

- Currently on track to meet targets for three out of five metrics as part of the BCF. Highlights are the Single point of contact for health care professionals to help navigate admission avoidance pathways. Using BCF funds there has been an increase in capacity of the Lincolnshire reablement service, the Falls support group and money for a 4 hour response service to facilitate discharge from hospitals in particular from emergency departments.
- The Active Recovery beds have increased to 70 beds due to increased funding. This will continue to support and facilitate discharges from hospital over the winter months and support system flow.

**2. Conclusion**

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the content of this report and approval of the Q3 reporting.

**3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy**

The Council, NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board and the Lincolnshire Integrated Care Partnership must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS).

The BCF schemes within the plan, directly contribute to addressing health inequalities and the joint health and wellbeing strategy.

**4. Consultation**

None required.

**5. Appendices**

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report |                                     |
| Appendix A  | BCF 2023 - 25 Q3 reporting template |
| Appendix B  | Quarter 3 Better Care Fund report   |

**6. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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