



Report title: Health & Social Care Better Care Fund Budget

Monitoring Report Quarter 1 2023/24

Report to: HMR Locality Board

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Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing

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Key Issue?: No

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1. Report summary

1.1 At its May 2023 meeting the HMR Locality Board (LB) agreed the 2023/24 budgets for the Better Care Fund (BCF). This report updates the Locality Board with the Quarter 1 position for the BCF for the financial year 2023/24.

2. Recommendations

2.1 HMR Locality Board notes the Quarter 1 monitoring information as at June 2023 period end.

2.2 LB notes that there are contingencies being held for budgets not yet allocated in 2023/24 of £89k giving a total forecast revenue underspend of £89k.

3. Reason for recommendation

3.1 The Locality Board have responsibility for the BCF budget as mandated in the BCF Policy Framework and Planning Guidance. The NHS GM ICB and the Council have delegated responsibility for the BCF to the Locality Board. The revised 2023/24 budget for the BCF was agreed by the HMR Locality Board in May 2023, this report provides an update on the forecast position against those budgets.

4. Alternatives considered.

- 4.1 It is a requirement of the NHSE guidance to produce a budget for 2023/24 which the Locality Board approved at its May 2023 meeting. This report updates the monitoring against the 2023/24 budget, which is a requirement of the Section 75 agreement. Therefore, there are no alternatives to consider.

5. Key information

- 5.1 The BCF revised budget was set at the LB meeting in May 2023 in line with the BCF Policy Framework and Planning Guidance.
- 5.2 The partners must have a Section 75 agreement to support the BCF budget. A signed section 75 was in place for the earlier part of 2022/23 but due to the changes in health and the ceasing of the CCG a revised agreement between the Council and NHS GM IC was taken to January's Locality Board (and has been subsequently ratified). The revised version covers the health budgets held at Locality following delegation from NHS GM IC. The budgets delegated by the Council will not change from the original section 75.

6. Finance

- 6.1 Table 1 shows the updated 2023/24 revenue budget and the forecast financial position as at the end of June 2023.

Table 1 Revenue Budget and Forecast at June period end (Quarter 1)

Line No	Scheme	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Outturn	2023/24 Variance
	Revenue Expenditure	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
1	Funding of Social Care Services	22,191	22,191	-
2	Additional Funding in Adult Social Care (notified in Spring Budget 2017)	1,568	1,568	-
3	Care Act Implementation	223	223	-
	Carers Services			
4	Carers -universal services	400	400	-
5	Carers night sitting service - dementia	84	84	-
	Carers sub total	484	484	-
	Reablement Services			
6	Reablement - dementia support workers	94	94	-
7	Reablement - Intermediate Care dementia flexible workers	70	70	-
8	Reablement - mental health outreach workers	117	117	-
9	Reablement - memory clinic dementia workers	56	56	-
10	Reablement - carers life after stroke	143	144	-
11	Reablement - equipment loan store	1,035	1,035	-
	Reablement sub total	1,515	1,515	-

	<i>Intermediate tier service</i>			
12	Reablement (STAR's) plus to support the new service	204	204	-
13	Pennine Acute ITS contract	6,264	6,264	-
14	Pennine Acute CQUIN - new funding from CCG	78	78	-
15	Winter Pressure Funding Expenditure	1,108	1,108	-
16	Contingency for revenue schemes	89	-	(89)
17	HD Funding of Social Care Services	3,280	3,280	-
	Intermediate Care sub total	11,023	10,933	(89)
	Total Revenue Expenditure	37,004	36,915	(89)
	Income			
18	Contribution from ICB	(21,069)	(21,069)	-
19	Contribution from LA	(12,654)	(12,654)	-
20	Contribution from ICB HD	(1,721)	(1,721)	-
21	Contribution from LA HD	(1,559)	(1,559)	-
	Total Income	(37,004)	(37,004)	-
	(Surplus) income over expenditure	-	(89)	(89)

6.2 There is a forecast underspend of £89k which is the unallocated contingency amount. This position will continue to be monitored and a decision made on how this funding will be used when Q2 is reported to Locality Board.

6.3 The capital DFG budget is included in table's 2a/2b below. The figures include the 2023/24 capital allocation and the balance carried over from 2022/23.

Table 2a 2023/24 BCF Capital Forecast

Line No	Capital Schemes	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Outturn	Variance
		£'000s	£'s	£'s
1a	Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) - 2023/24	2,987	2,987	-
1b	Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)- brought forward from 2022/23	1,492	1,492	-
	Total DFG in allocation below	4,479	4,479	-
2	Capital Grant carried over from 2022/23			
2	Adult Social Care and Health Integration Hubs	70	70	-
	Total Capital Schemes	4,550	4,550	-
3	Contribution from LA	(4,550)	(4,550)	-
	Total Capital Contributions	(4,550)	(4,550)	-
	(Surplus) Contribution over expenditure	-	-	-

6.4 There has been significant demand for DFG spend in recent years that has not been met due to Covid restrictions and difficulties in recruitment. This has resulted in a budget carry forward of £1.492m. The spend is now increasing

again compared to 2022/23 and is forecast to spend to budget for 2023/24. Further detail of the DFG spend is available in Table 2b.

6.5 Table 2b Detail of DFG Budget and Forecast included in table 2a above

Line No	Allocation of Disabled Facilities Grant	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Forecast	Variance
		£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
1	Main DFG programme	3,849	3,849	-
2	DFG Top Up Grants	150	150	-
3	Dementia, Falls and Excess Cold grants	5	5	-
4	Repairs to Adaptations	25	25	-
5	Minor Adaptations	150	150	-
6	Assistive/digital Technology	200	200	-
7	Housing Options for Older People (HOOP) service	40	40	-
8	Contribution to RSL new build properties for service users whose properties the LA are unable to adapt	60	60	-
9	Contingency	-	-	-
	Total	4,479	4,479	-

7. Legal

7.1 Any risk of operating the BCF in 2023/24 is covered in the Section 75 agreement.

8. Human resource

8.1 There is no requirement for consultation on the contents of this report other than with the partners i.e., the NHS GM IC and the LA. Relevant officers from both organisations have been consulted on the content of this report.

9. Equality impact

9.1 There is no equality impact for financial monitoring reports.

10. Other considerations (corporate priorities, environmental impacts, risks)

10.1 The majority of budgets in the BCF are fixed price contracts but there is demand led budgets which could pose a financial risk mainly around the provision of equipment. Regular monitoring will allow commissioners to mitigate any risks and contingencies are included in both the capital and revenue budgets which could be used to mitigate risks.

Background Papers: None

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