

Better Care Fund 2025-26 Planning Template

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Version 1.5

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Governance and Sign off

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| Health and Wellbeing Board: | Leicestershire |
| Confirmation that the plan has been signed off by Health and Wellbeing Board ahead of submission - Plans should be signed off ahead of submission. | Yes |
| If no indicate the reasons for the delay. | |
| If no please indicate when the HWB is expected to sign off the plan: | |

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| In addition to this template the HWB are submitting the following: | |
| | Narrative |
| | C&D National Template |

| | Role: | Professional Title (e.g. Dr, Cllr, Prof) | First-name: | Surname: | E-mail: | Organisation |
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| Health and wellbeing board chair(s) sign off | Health and Wellbeing Board Chair | Cllr | Louise | Richardson | Louise.richardson@leics.gov.uk | Local Authority |
| | Health and Wellbeing Board Chair | | | | | |
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| Finance sign off | ICB Finance Director 1 | Mr | Robert | Toole | robert.toole@nhs.net | ICB |
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| Area assurance contacts <i>Please add any additional key contacts who have been responsible for completing the plan</i> | Local Authority Director of Adult Social Services | Mr | Jon | Wilson | Jon.Wilson@leics.gov.uk | Local Authority |
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Assurance Statements

| National Condition | Assurance Statement | Yes/No | If no please use this section to explain your response |
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| National Condition One: Plans to be jointly agreed | The HWB is fully assured, ahead of signing off that the BCF plan, that local goals for headline metrics and supporting documentation have been robustly created, with input from all system partners, that the ambitions indicated are based upon realistic assumptions and that plans have been signed off by local authority and ICB chief executives as the named accountable people. | Yes | |
| National Condition Two: Implementing the objectives of the BCF | The HWB is fully assured that the BCF plan sets out a joint system approach to support improved outcomes against the two BCF policy objectives, with locally agreed goals against the three headline metrics, which align with NHS operational plans and local authority adult social care plans, including intermediate care capacity and demand plans and, following the consolidation of the Discharge Fund, that any changes to shift planned expenditure away from discharge and step down care to admissions avoidance or other services are expected to enhance UEC flow and improve outcomes. | Yes | |
| National Condition Three: Complying with grant and funding conditions, including maintaining the NHS minimum contribution to adult social care (ASC) | The HWB is fully assured that the planned use of BCF funding is in line with grant and funding conditions and that funding will be placed into one or more pooled funds under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 once the plan is approved | Yes | |

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| | The ICB has committed to maintaining the NHS minimum contribution to adult social care in line with the BCF planning requirements. | Yes | |
| National Condition Four: Complying with oversight and support processes | The HWB is fully assured that there are appropriate mechanisms in place to monitor performance against the local goals for the 3 headline metrics and delivery of the BCF plan and that there is a robust governance to address any variances in a timely and appropriate manner | Yes | |

| Data Quality Issues - Please outline any data quality issues that have impacted on planning and on the completion of the plan |
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| <p>For discharge ready dates metrics there is a lack of historical data with which to accurately determine targets. This has also made it difficult to predict and changes in data due to seasonality.</p> <p>A lag in population statistics makes it difficult to determine performance against ASC metrics, however data from previous years' has been taken into consideration in determining targets.</p> <p>Population data also impacts on quality of targets for admissions to long-term care homes data. Using actuals as opposed to rates have been initially calculated to form activity data.</p> |

Question Completion - When all questions have been answered and the validation boxes below have turned green, please send the template to the Better Care Fund Team england.bettercarefundteam@nhs.net saving the file as 'Name HWB' for example 'County Durham HWB'. Please also copy in your Better Care Manager.

| Template Completed | |
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| | Complete: |
| 2. Cover | Yes |
| 4. Income | Yes |
| 5. Expenditure | Yes |
| 6. Metrics | Yes |
| 7. National Conditions | Yes |
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