

# 2022/2023 Better Care Fund Plan and Adult Social Care Discharge Fund

Health and Wellbeing Board  
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# Better Care Fund- Background



In June 2013, The Better Care Fund (BCF) was announced requiring the NHS and local government to create a local pooled budget to support closer working for the benefits of people, communities and health and care systems.

The Better Care Fund plan is produced yearly in accordance to the policy and planning requirement which is adjusted yearly.

The local governance mechanism for the BCF is the Health and Wellbeing Board, which should sign off the report or make appropriate arrangements to delegate this.

Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 allows NHS bodies and Councils to contribute to a pooled fund to commission health or social care related services

Having a S75 agreement in place is part of the national conditions for the Better Care Fund

The BCF in Waltham Forest is managed under a Section 75 Agreement between the Council and North East London ICB.



# Better Care Fund in Waltham Forest in 22/23



The 22/23 BCF Planning requirement was published early July, draft plans was submitted 18 August, final plans submitted by 26 September.

There were initially 3 templates to be completed for the BCF is outlined below 1-3 .

- 1) The BCF Narrative Plan template – outlining narratively what the system is aiming to achieve with the joint funding.
- 2) The BCF Planning template – this articulates the predicted income, expenditure and metrics of success across the areas covered within the plan for 22/23.
- 3) Capacity and Demand template – this allows us to articulate the predicted demand and capacity for the services covered by the BCF spend, alongside Intermediate Care services, regardless of these are paid for by BCF spend.
- 4) ASC Discharge Fund Plan- this articulates the expenditure which the additional funding will be spent on, within 22/23 financial year.

The ASC Discharge Fund was published 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 as an addition to the BCF and the WF plan was submitted 15 December 2022.

Owing to submission timelines an out of board delegation was made by HWB Chairs to the Waltham Forest Health and Care Partnership Board to sign-off both the 22/23 BCF plan and the plan for the additional ASc grant



# Ask of the Health and Wellbeing Board



We now formally request **delegation** for approval of all future submissions and oversight of the Better Care Fund from the Health and Wellbeing Board to the Waltham Forest Health and Care Partnership Board.

For information the 22/23 BCF plan and the ASC Discharge Fund plan is being shared with the board as Appendices.

## Appendix

1. 22/23 BCF Narrative Plan
2. 22/23 Expenditure Template
3. 22/23 Capacity and Demand Plan
4. Addendum to BCF ASC Discharge Fund Plan