

**Ratification of
Better Care Fund
Quarter 2 Report**

Date of meeting:	4 th December 2024		
Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board		
Report of:	Executive Director - Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing / Cheshire & Merseyside ICB Place Director Sefton		
Portfolio:	Adult Social Care		
Wards affected:	All		
Is this a key decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt/confidential report:	No		

1.Summary:

To seek retrospective ratification from the HWWB on the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 submission to NHS England.

2.Recommendation(s):

HWWB is recommended to retrospectively approve the submission of the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 submission.

3. The Rationale and Evidence for the Recommendations

NHS England requests that each Local Authority in England submit a quarterly BCF report which provides update on spend and metrics. The report highlights any issues and risks against be BCF spend and metrics across Adult Social Care and Health.

The deadline for qtr. 2 BCF report was 31st October 2024. Sefton’s return showed that Sefton had no identified risk in relation to spend and as at the end of qtr 2, 49% of the BCF had been spent, with most metrics also having been achieved.

Sefton received no clarification issues from NHSE have now confirmed that they are satisfied with the information submitted in the return.

4. Risk Implications

There are currently no risks associated with the BCF quarter 2 return. However further work is required for 25/26 to ensure that the BCF is funding schemes that are transformational and a priority for both Health and Social care.

5. Staffing HR Implications

There are no staffing HR implications.

6. Conclusion

Given that the BCF spend Sefton New Directions remains a key partner of both Sefton Adult Social Care and Cheshire & Merseyside ICB, supporting them to deliver strategic priorities and services to support some of the most vulnerable people in Sefton.

The transformation programme of Sefton New Directions is ongoing and critical to ensuring that services they deliver are reshaped so that they can continue to meet the needs of Sefton, are sustainable, offer value for money and can be delivered within the current budget.

7. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

There are no alternative options to be considered.

8..Equality Implications:
There are no equality implications directly from this report.
9. Impact on Children and Young People: No
10. Climate Emergency Implications:
The recommendations within this report will have a Neutral impact.

11. What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Services & Commercial (FD 7865/24) has been consulted and has no comments on the report. The Chief Legal & Democratic Officer has been consulted and has no comments on the report (LD 5965/24)

(B) External Consultations

No external consultation was necessary for this report.

12. Implementation Date for the Decision:

This is a retrospective request for approval as the submission of the BCF qtr 2 report was submitted and approved by the Executive Director - Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing / Cheshire & Merseyside ICB Place Director Sefton.

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12. Appendices:

Appendix A – BCF qtr 2 return

14. Background Papers:

None.