

**LEICESTER CITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
DATE**

Subject:	Leicester City BCF 2024/25 Planning Template
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose and Summary of the report:

1. Areas were required to submit a completed BCF 2024-25 update template to their Better Care Manager copied in by **10 June 2024**.
2. There is no requirement for a separate narrative plan submission, as the 2023-25 narrative plan will still apply. Some specific questions requiring narrative answers are included in the template. These will be used to help with assurance of the updates.
3. The Leicester City plan was developed in consultation with the city place based groups (Integrated Systems of Care Group / Joint integrated Commissioning Board), submitted by the deadline and has subsequently received national approval.
4. Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to acknowledge engagement and governance process to date and formally endorse the plan.

Briefing paper - BCF Planning 2024-2025

Context

1. Better Care Fund (BCF) Planning Requirements and subsequent documents for the financial year 2024-2025 have a submission deadline of:
 - a. **10th June 2024**
2. Each BCF Plan needs to be approved by the relevant HWB (or its chair), CEO of Council and Accountable Officer of ICB prior to submission as per previous years, and as per the national governance requirements.
3. As we were already in M3 of 2024 we have commenced partnership working with our system partners as outlined in our BCF Framework 2023 - 25 to ensure these deadlines are met across each place, with a clear understanding that narrative will be written where system programmes are referenced, with localisation for each section of the plan where required.

BCF contribution

4. LLR ICB has complied with the requirement to make the minimum BCF contribution to the local authority.

Local Authority	23/24 ICB Contribution to BCF	24/25 ICB Contribution to BCF
	£'000	£'000
Leicester City Council	29,727	31,410

5. LLR ICB Discharge Grant – LLR ICB received discharge grant which require to be pooled in BCF. ICB has been liaising with the 3 local authorities on the plan ensuring criteria and deliverables are being met.

	23/24 ICB Discharge Grant	24/25 ICB Discharge Grant
	£'000	£'000
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB	4,749	8,732

Requirement Snapshot

6. Each year, each BCF plan and template must demonstrate compliance against a set of national conditions. The BCF Policy Framework sets out the four national conditions that all BCF plans must meet to be approved. These are:
 - **National Condition 1:** Plans to be jointly agreed
 - **National Condition 2:** Enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
 - **National Condition 3:** Provide the right care in the right place at the right time
 - **National Condition 4:** Maintaining NHS's contribution to adult social care and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services.

7. NHS England has published allocations from the national ringfenced NHS contribution for each ICB and Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) area for 2023-24 and 2024-25. As with 2022-23, the allocations of the NHS contribution to the BCF have been increased by **5.66%** for each HWB area.
8. The grant determination for the iBCF in 2023-24 was issued on 4th April 2023. Since 2020-21, funding that was previously paid as a separate grant for managing winter pressures has been included as part of the iBCF grant but is not ringfenced for use in winter.
9. The ringfenced Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding continues to be allocated through the BCF and will continue to be paid to upper-tier local councils. The statutory duty to provide DFGs to those who qualify for them is placed on local housing authorities. Therefore, each area must ensure that sufficient funding is allocated from the DFG monies to enable housing authorities to continue to meet their statutory duty to provide adaptations to the homes of eligible people of all ages.
10. In 2023-24, the Government is providing £600 million (£300 million for ICBs, £300 million for local councils) to enable local areas to build additional adult social care (ASC) and community-based reablement capacity to reduce delayed discharges and improve outcomes for patients. As in 2022-23 the ICB will agree with relevant local HWBs how the ICB element of funding will be allocated rather than being set as part of overall BCF allocations, and this should be based on allocations proportionate to local area need.
11. Spending related conditions: In each HWB area, the minimum expected expenditure on social care spending and spending on NHS commissioned out of hospital services from the NHS minimum contribution is maintained in line with the percentage uplift in the NHS minimum contribution to the BCF. The NHS minimum contributions for social care and NHS commissioned out of hospital spend for all HWB areas in both 2023-24 and 2024-25 has been uplifted by 5.66%.
12. The 2023-25 BCF Policy Framework sets national metrics (performance objectives) that must be included in BCF plans.

Approach across health and care

13. Given the strength of our BCF submissions in previous years, our approach remains largely the same - where possible, system level narrative through each programme lead will be provided, with localisation where required.
14. This year, once again, the system has the opportunity to learn from each of the 3 LLR place based BCF programmes, taking the strength of each to continuously improve their work to support people to remain independent and safe in their own homes and to access Reablement, Recovery and Rehabilitation programmes either on step up or step down criteria.

Governance process to date

15. Each place is still operating under slightly different governance arrangements; where possible, we have standardised the engagement with stakeholders such as

our PCN Clinical Directors and Clinical Leads and elected members in each place, as well formal approval routes.

16. Table below outlines the governance process for Leicester City.

Governance arrangements	Leicester City
Draft Plan 24-25 Placed based updated plan to receive for information	ISOC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st May • 18th June JICB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd May • 27th June
HWBB approval (virtual or retrospective where applicable)	26 th September
Exec/Lead notifications and sign off (ICB and HWBB – virtual where applicable)	Caroline Trevithick (ICB) Rachna Vyas (ICB) Laurence Jones (LCC) Cllr Sarah Russell (LCC)

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A - City BCF 2024/25 Planning Document
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