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## Better Care Fund 2025-26 Update Template

## 7: National Condition Planning Requirements

Health and wellbeing board

York

National Condition	Planning expectation that BCF plan should:	Where should this be completed	HWB submission meets expectation	Where the Planning requirement is not met, please note the actions in place towards meeting the requirement	Timeframe for resolution
1. Plans to be jointly agreed	Reflect local priorities and service developments that have been developed in partnership across health and care, including local NHS trusts, social care providers, voluntary and community service partners and local housing authorities	Planning Template - Cover sheet Narrative Plan - Overview of Plan	Yes		
	Be signed off in accordance with organisational governance processes across the relevant ICB and local authorities	Planning Template - Cover sheet	Yes		
	Must be signed by the HWB chair, alongside the local authority and ICB chief executives – this accountability must not be delegated	Planning Template - Cover sheet	Yes		
2. Implementing the objectives of the BCF	Set out a joint system approach for meeting the objectives of the BCF which reflects local learning and national best practice and delivers value for money	Narrative Plan - Section 2	Yes		
	Set goals for performance against the 3-headline metrics which align with NHS operational plans and local authority adult social care plans, including intermediate care capacity and demand plans	Planning Template - Metrics	Yes		
	Demonstrate a 'home first' approach and a shift away from avoidable use of long-term residential and nursing home care	Narrative Plan - Section 2	Yes		
	Following the consolidation of the previously ring-fenced Discharge Fund, specifically explain why any changes to the use of the funds compared to 2024-25 are expected to enhance urgent and emergency care flow (combined impact of admission avoidance and reducing length of stay and improving discharge)	Narrative Plan - Section 2	Yes		
3. Complying with grant and funding conditions, including maintaining the NHS minimum contribution to adult social care (ASC)	Set out expenditure against key categories of service provision and the sources of this expenditure from different components of the BCF	Planning Template - Expenditure	Yes		
	Set out how expenditure is in line with funding requirements, including the NHS minimum contribution to adult social care				
4. Complying with oversight and support processes	Confirm that HWBs will engage with the BCF oversight and support process if necessary, including senior officers attending meetings convened by BCF national partners.	Planning Template - Cover	Yes		
	Demonstrate effective joint system governance is in place to: submit required quarterly reporting, review performance against plan objectives and performance, and change focus and resourcing if necessary to bring delivery back on track	Narrative Plan - Executive Summary	Yes		

Complete:

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