

# Better Care Fund 2022-23

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# Background

- The Policy Framework and Planning Requirements for 2022-23 have not yet been published
- Allocations for this financial year are now published and available on the NHS website
- This webinar has been organised to provide guidance on what areas might expect from the 2022-23 BCF, with a focus on potential anticipated changes for this year
- The aim of this is to give areas as much information as we can about potential changes to help with preparations, but we cannot be completely sure of the final position until the documents are published



# BCF Planning Requirements 2022-23

- National conditions 1-3 for the fund are expected to be broadly similar to 2021-22, and continue to require a minimum spend level on social care from the NHS (formerly CCG) minimum. National condition 4 is expected to change.
- Unlike previous years, the NHS minimum has risen by 5.66% uniformly across all Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) and has been set out in the published allocations
- Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) and Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) conditions remain broadly the same and have already been issued to local authorities – iBCF has increased by 3% in all LAs
- Expected changes to national condition 4:
  - Agreed approach to delivering two BCF policy objectives (prevention and discharge)
  - All areas to submit high-level capacity and demand plans for intermediate care

## Minimum contribution to the BCF 2022-23:

NHS minimum  
£4.504 bn

iBCF  
£2.140 bn

DFG  
£573m



# National condition four – meeting BCF policy objectives

- This is the national condition with the most anticipated changes. These are likely to be:
  - Local partners ensuring an agreed approach to meet the new BCF policy objectives
  - Asking systems to develop plans outlining expected demand and capacity for intermediate care in the area including services funded and not funded by the BCF
- The objectives are likely to be to:
  - Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
    - Likely to ask systems to set out in their plans how health, social care and housing adaptations are delivered to promote independence and address the populations' needs
  - Provide the right care in the right place at the right time.
    - Likely to ask systems about continued implementation of the High Impact Change Model is integral to the delivery of this objective, so areas will possibly be asked to self-assess their implementation of the model as part of the BCF for this year. This assessment and any actions from it should then be recorded in narrative plans
    - Set out how ICB and social care commissioners will support safe and timely discharge and continue with collaborative commissioning



# Opportunities

- DFG was the most common reason for underspend in 2021-22
- National condition 4 provides real opportunity for Housing and Adaptations to be part of a strategic approach to keeping people well, safe and independent at home
- The High Impact Change Model (HICM) for Managing Transfers of Care added a change relating to housing and equipment:  
*Effective referral processes and good services which maximise independence are in place to support people to go home. The need for housing and homelessness services, home adaptations and equipment are addressed early in discharge planning and readily available when needed. COVID has highlighted that people who are homeless are at greater risk from the disease, and that support should now to focus on their increased vulnerability.*
- Additional HICM for Reducing Preventable Admissions reflects use of Population Health Management to identify those at greatest risk, to enable proactive response
- Increased integrated community responses (Urgent Community Response and Virtual Wards) rely on a safe home environment



Those co-ordinating plans for each Health & Wellbeing Board

Feedback on plans for 2021-22 included the need to ensure a joint strategic approach to housing and adaptations as part of integrated working

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