



MIDLANDS AND LANCASHIRE
COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT



Appendix A

Better Care Fund

BCF

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BCF 2017-19

- Better Care Fund Plans should consist of
- A jointly agreed narrative plan including details of how they are addressing the national conditions; how their BCF plans will contribute to the local plan for integrating health and social care and an assessment of risks related to the plan and how they will be managed.
- A BCF planning template that includes:
 - Confirmed funding contributions from each partner organisation including arrangements in relation to funding within the BCF for specific purposes;
 - A scheme-level spending plan demonstrating how the fund will be spent;
 - Quarterly plan figures for the national metrics.

The Better Care Fund for 2017/18 and 2018/19 has four National Conditions:

- That a BCF Plan, including the minimum of the pooled fund specified in the Better Care Fund allocations, should be signed off by the HWB itself, and by the constituent local authorities and CCGs, and with involvement of local partners;
- A demonstration of how the area will maintain in real terms the level of spending on social care services from the CCG minimum contribution to the fund in 2017/18 and 2018/19, in line with inflation;
- That a specific proportion of the area's allocation is invested in NHS commissioned out of hospital services, or retained pending release as part of a local risk sharing agreement;
- Implementation of the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfers of Care

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National performance metrics

- Delayed transfers of care;
- Non-elective admissions (General and Acute);
- Admissions to residential and care homes; and
- Effectiveness of reablement

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The improved Better Care Fund

Grant paid to a local authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes of meeting adult social care needs; reducing pressures on the NHS, including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready; and ensuring that the local social care provider market is supported.

A recipient local authority must:

1. pool the grant funding into the local BCF, unless an area has written Ministerial exemption;
2. work with the relevant Clinical Commissioning Group and providers to meet National Condition 4 (Managing Transfers of Care) in the Integration and Better Care Fund Policy Framework and Planning Requirements 2017-19; and
3. provide quarterly reports as required by the Secretary of State.



- The Government has made clear that part of this funding is intended to enable local authorities to quickly provide stability and extra capacity in local care systems. Local authorities are therefore able to spend the grant, including to commission care, subject to the conditions set out in the grant determination, as soon as plans for spending the grant have been locally agreed with Clinical Commissioning Groups involved in agreeing the Better Care Fund plan.

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**Better Care Fund Additional Funding for Adult Social Care
April 2017**

Local Authority	2017-18 Original IBCF funding	2017-18 Additional funding for adult social care announced at Budget 2017	2017-18 Total IBCF funding	2018-19 Original IBCF funding	2018-19 Additional funding for adult social care announced at Budget 2017	2018-19 Total IBCF funding	2019-20 Original IBCF funding	2019-20 Additional funding for adult social care announced at Budget 2017	2019-20 Total IBCF funding	Total 2017-2019 Additional funding for adult social care
Lancashire	3,209,659	24,886,413	28,096,072	22,656,054	15,735,483	38,391,537	40,013,825	7,799,412	47,813,237	114,300,846
Blackburn with Darwen	717,301	3,589,451	4,306,752	3,714,437	2,186,064	5,900,561	6,257,725	1,081,454	7,339,179	17,546,492
Blackpool	1,048,794	4,347,979	5,396,773	4,973,179	2,590,669	7,563,848	8,371,989	1,279,870	9,651,859	22,612,479
Total	4,975,754	32,823,843	37,799,597	31,343,730	20,512,216	51,855,946	54,643,539	10,160,735	64,804,274	154,459,817

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