

South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive Assurance Report

To:	Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board	Date:	January 2025
From:	Kathryn Warnock on behalf of South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive	Agenda	Item 7
Purpose of the Item	To provide Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board with assurance that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations, and a summary of progress in implementing the Board’s Vision and Priorities.		
Summary of Recommendations	That Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are assured that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations • Note the progress made in implementing the Board’s Vision and Priorities 		

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. To provide Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with updates on progress with the delivery of the Board’s Vision and Priorities and assurance that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 To support the Board in the delivery of its priorities a South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive was established. This is now a sub-section of the South Tees ICB Place Committee. The South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive oversees and ensures the progress and implementation of the Board’s work programme and creates opportunities for the single Health and Wellbeing Board to focus on the priorities.

3 PROGRESSING STATUTORY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FUNCTIONS

- 3.1 The next section of this report sets out details of progress the Health and Wellbeing Executive has made against the Board’s statutory functions.

3.2.1

Better Care Fund (BCF) 2025/26

At the time of writing, the BCF policy framework, planning requirements and confirmation of national minimum funding contributions for 2025/26 are yet to be released, having been expected in December 2024.

Indications are that the principles for the 2025-26 BCF Policy Framework will be:

- To support the government’s Health Mission and the shift to a “neighbourhood health” approach
- To better support patients and service users by enabling people to live more healthy and independent lives for longer
- To support hospital flow and positively contribute to the NHS’ ability to move towards constitutional standards
- To make the BCF work better for local authorities and the NHS by reducing administrative burdens and providing greater flexibility in to meet BCF priorities

The BCF Implementation and Monitoring Group will continue to work collectively to fulfil all planning requirements including allocation of funding. Formal approval of plans will be sought from the Live Well South Tees Board.

3.2.2

BCF 2024/25 Quarter 2 Reporting Templates

The national team required updates in quarter 2 to confirm performance against metrics, actual expenditure to date and a review of hospital discharge and community activity and capacity.

The templates were completed and submitted by the BCF Implementation and Monitoring Group by the deadline of 31st October 2024, with delegated Health and Wellbeing Board approval.

Members are asked to **note** submission of these templates which are attached as appendices a) and b).

Reporting templates for quarter 3 have now been released with a deadline for submission of 14th February 2025. These will be included in the next Executive Assurance Report.

3.2.3

Health Protection

The South Tees Health Protection Assurance Partnership has approved the Communicable Disease Outbreak Management Plan (OMP), to provide a structured and effective approach to managing infectious disease outbreaks. The plan seeks to protect the health of the local population, prevent the spread of disease, and ensure a coordinated, timely response by all stakeholders. The plan has been developed by Public Health South Tees in line with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Guidance: Communicable disease outbreak management: operational guidance and the North East Outbreak Control Plan which is agreed between UKHSA, the twelve North East Local Authorities, and the North East Local Health Resilience Partnership.

Local Authorities and key partners have an ongoing statutory responsibility to have local Outbreak Management Plans for responding to emergencies in their areas as part of their existing duty for safeguarding and protecting the health of their population. The last Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland outbreak management plans were developed in June 2020 in response to the global outbreak of covid-19. The primary aim of the OMP is to minimise the impact of communicable diseases on the health and well-being of the people in South Tees by implementing effective prevention, identification, and containment strategies. The plan is available on request

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3.2.4

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

The next Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is due to be published October 2025. The Health and Wellbeing Executive have agreed to delegate responsibility to the PNA Steering Group and will receive updates by exception as required.

PROGRESS AGAINST LIVE WELL SOUTH TEES BOARD PRIORITIES

4.1 Set out below is a summary of the progress the Executive has made towards achieving the Board's priorities since the last Board meeting and of important matters arising.

4.2 **Forward Work Programme**

The Forward Work Programme will be developed after agreements at the Live Well South Tees Board meeting.

Outlined below are the statutory functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Area of Focus	Lead Organisation/ System Group	Agenda Item Live Well South Tees Board	HWB Executive Assurance Report
Statutory Functions			
BCF Plans and Additional Discharge Funding Quarterly and End of Year Returns	BCF Implementation and Monitoring Group South Tees Executive Governance Board	As required by national timelines	Updates for each Board meeting
Children's Safeguarding Board Reports	South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership	To be confirmed	
Director of Public Health's Annual Report	Public Health	To be confirmed	
Healthwatch Update	Healthwatch	As required	Quarterly updates
Health Protection Assurance Report	Public Health	January 2025	
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Updates	JSNA Project Board	As required	
Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Endorsement and Noting of Any Issues	PNA Steering Group	As required	March 2025
Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) Annual Report	TSAB	March 2025	

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board:
- Are assured that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations
 - Note the progress made in implementing the Board's Vision and Priorities

6 APPENDICES

6.1 No background papers other than published works were used in writing this report.

6.2 **Appendices:**

Appendix a) : Middlesbrough BCF 2024-25 Quarter 2 Reporting Template

Appendix b) : Redcar & Cleveland BCF 2024-25 Quarter 2 Reporting Template

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