

Better Care Fund (BCF) Planning Approval 2025-26

To:	Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board	Date:	March 2025
From:	Kathryn Warnock , South Tees Integration Programme Manager	Agenda	Item 6
Purpose of the Item	For the Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board to be assured that Middlesbrough's and Redcar & Cleveland's Better Care Fund (BCF) Plans meet the conditions of the Better Care Fund planning requirements for 2025-26 and to approve the BCF planning submissions for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.		
Summary of Recommendations	<p>That Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are assured that Middlesbrough's and Redcar & Cleveland's Better Care Fund (BCF) Plans meet the conditions of the Better Care Fund planning requirements for 2025-26 • approve the Better Care Fund planning submissions for Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland • are assured that there is robust management and monitoring of BCF expenditure across South Tees 		

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. To update Live Well South Tees Board members on the Better Care Fund planning requirements for 2025/26, assure members that Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland are meeting the conditions and seek endorsement of BCF plans

2 Better Care Fund Plans 2025-26

- 2.1 This item will update Live Well South Tees Board members on the Better Care Fund planning objectives, conditions, funding and metrics for 2025/26 and seek formal approval for the submission of plans to the BCF national team.

The plans have been developed by South Tees BCF Implementation and Monitoring Group members and were submitted to our local Better Care Manager for initial review and feedback on 3rd March.

The feedback was positive with only minor points highlighted, mainly around links to performance and NHS operational planning, but there has been limited time to review plans given the tight deadlines set to us nationally.

Members are asked to note therefore that the templates circulated with the papers, which form our planning submission, are the latest working versions as of 19th March 2025. There will be updates on the metrics section of the narrative and planning templates before final submission on 31st March, but no significant changes are planned on other areas.

Changes made since circulation of the papers will be highlighted to the Board during the meeting on 27th March.

3 BCF 2024/5 Quarter 3 Reporting Templates

3.1 The national team required updates in quarter 3 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 14th February 2025 with delegated Health and Wellbeing Board approval.

Members are asked to note submission of these templates which are available on request

4 APPENDICES

4.1 Attached are the templates which form part of the BCF Planning Submissions.

Appendix A - Joint South Tees Narrative for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland

Appendix B - Middlesbrough BCF Planning Template

Appendix C - Redcar & Cleveland BCF Planning Template

Appendix D - Middlesbrough Capacity and Demand Template

Appendix E - Redcar & Cleveland Capacity and Demand Template

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