

	Brent Health and Wellbeing Board 24 July 2025
	Report from Rachel Crossley Corporate Director of Service Reform and Strategy
	Lead Cabinet Member - Councillor Nerva, Adult Social Care, Public Health and Leisure
Better Care Fund - End of Year 2024-25 Reporting	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	N/A
List of Appendices:	N/A
Background Papers:	N/A
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1.0 Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the End of Year (EoY) report for the Better Care Fund (BCF) 2024/25 which was submitted to the BCF team and NHS England (NHSE) on 6th June 2025.

1.2 This report seeks formal ratification from the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) for the End of Year report, it should be noted that it has been signed off, pending formal HWBB approval, by Rachel Crossley, Corporate Director for Service Reform and Strategy under delegated authority, in order to meet the national submission deadlines.

- 1.3 It was also signed off by Northwest London Integrated Care Board (NWL ICB), Brent's Chief Finance Officer and reviewed by borough-based colleagues in Health, Adult Social Care and Finance.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the HWBB approve the 2024/25 Better Care Fund End of Year report.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The BCF Plan aligns with both Brent Council's Borough Plan 2023–2027 and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022–2027, contributing particularly to Strategic Priority 5: "*A Healthier Brent*." The plan supports efforts to reduce health inequalities and deliver integrated, place-based health and care services tailored to the needs of Brents population. BCF schemes are structured to contribute directly to the outcomes outlined in both strategic documents.
- 3.2 Key points to note:
- 3.2.1 Brent Borough successfully met all National Conditions, including securing a signed Section 75 (S75) agreement.
 - 3.2.2 A formal agreement was formally agreed by key partners in NWL ICB and Brent Council on 31st October 2024
 - 3.2.3 Expenditure was reported in line with the agreed plan for 55 of 65 total schemes. The remaining schemes, which reported either underspends or overspends that balanced overall, reflect positively on the strengthened governance and financial monitoring processes. These variances demonstrate the system's responsiveness to local needs, a commitment to transparency with partners, and ongoing efforts to align spend with optimal outcomes for residents.
 - 3.2.4 All spending, including variances, is tracked quarterly within the Council and subject to oversight and approval by the BCF Board.

4.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement

- 4.1 All BCF End of Year reporting has been reviewed and agreed upon by relevant stakeholders.
- 4.2 There are no additional stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement comments specific to this paper.

5.0 Financial Considerations

- 5.1 The table below summarises the financial values reported in the End of Year submission.
- 5.2 An overspend was reported under NHS Minimum Health contribution due to higher equipment costs in scheme 53. This was re-imbursed to the Council by NWL ICB.

- 5.3 An underspend was reported for the ICB Discharge due to lower staff costs within NWL ICB's Strategic Support Team, scheme 110.

FundingSource	Budget 24/25	EOY Actual	Difference
DFG	£5,799,407.00	£5,799,407.00	£0.00
IBCF	£13,344,692.00	£13,344,692.00	£0.00
NHSMinimum - LA	£10,114,127.00	£10,114,127.00	£0.00
NHSMinimum - Health	£18,729,888.00	£18,972,028.00	£-242,140.00
Additional NHSContribution	£1,216,000.00	£1,216,000.00	£0.00
LA Discharge	£3,118,175.00	£3,118,175.00	£0.00
ICB Discharge	£3,124,905.00	£3,122,851.00	£2,054.00
Total	£55,447,194.00	£55,687,280.00	£-240,086.00
			Difference -ve = OVER BUDGET

6.0 Legal Considerations

- 6.1 None – S75 for 2024-25 remains in place to support the pooled funding arrangements.

7.0 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

- 7.1 None, as all the existing and new programmes will be delivered to all qualifying patients across Brent.

8.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

- 8.1 There are no specific climate and environmental considerations relating to this paper.

9.0 Human Resources/Property Considerations (if appropriate)

- 9.1 There are no specific Human Resources / Property considerations relating to this paper.

10.0 Communication Considerations

- 10.1 There are no specific communication considerations relating to this paper.

Report sign off:

Rachel Crossley

Corporate Director of Service Reform and Strategy