

Better Care Fund 2025/26 End of Year Reporting Template

Year End Impact Summary

Confirmation of Statements		
Question statements	Confirmation	If the answer is "No" please provide an explanation:
Overall delivery of BCF has improved joint working between health and social care	Yes	
Our BCF schemes were implemented as planned in 2025-26	Yes	
The delivery of our BCF plan 2025-26 has had a positive impact on the integration of health and social care in our locality.	Yes	

Highlight success and challenges within reference to the most relevant enablers from SCIE logic model:	
Logic model for integrated care - SCIE	
Success and Challenges	Narrative
2 key successes observed towards driving the enablers for integration	a) Population approaches: Holistic cross sector approaches at Neighbourhood level are supporting proactive care and controlling demand from at risk groups. b) Integrated workforce: Development of workforce passport across Place enables staff to move around providers to develop their skills whilst retaining their expertise at Place. It is expected that the true benefits of this initiative should start to be realised in 2026/27.
2 key challenges observed towards driving the enablers for integration	a) Digital records, data and shared information - The timeliness and accuracy of data continues to be an issue, although 2025/26 has seen further improvement as new systems, e.g., Optica, introduced in 2024/25, continued to embed. b) Sustainable care provider market - This is and will continue to remain critical to the sustainability of the health and care system. Key issues continue to be recruitment and retention of a suitably qualified workforce and addressing inflationary pressures. It should be noted that 2025/26 saw the liquidation of the community equipment service provider, which presented a major challenge to the system but was managed effectively by collaboration between the Council, local partner organisations, and the ICB.

