

BCF Introduction

- The Better Care Fund is a collaboration between NHS England, the Department of Health and Social Care, Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Local Government Association.
- BCF is a pooled budget for health and social care services to work strategically in local areas, based on a plan agreed between the representative NHS and Local Authority which is then signed off by the areas Health and Wellbeing Board.
- BCF makes the most efficient and effective use of health and social care resources by breaking down organisational barriers. In doing so it assists people to live independently in their communities for as long as possible and to deliver the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

BCF Budget Headings

Minimum NHS Contribution		Improved BCF		Disabled Facilities Grants		Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	
23/24	24/25	23/24	24/25	23/24	24/25	23/24	24/25
28,996,056	30,637,233	16,310,384	16,310,384	2,782,137	2,782,137	2,286,690 (LA)	3,795,906 (LA)
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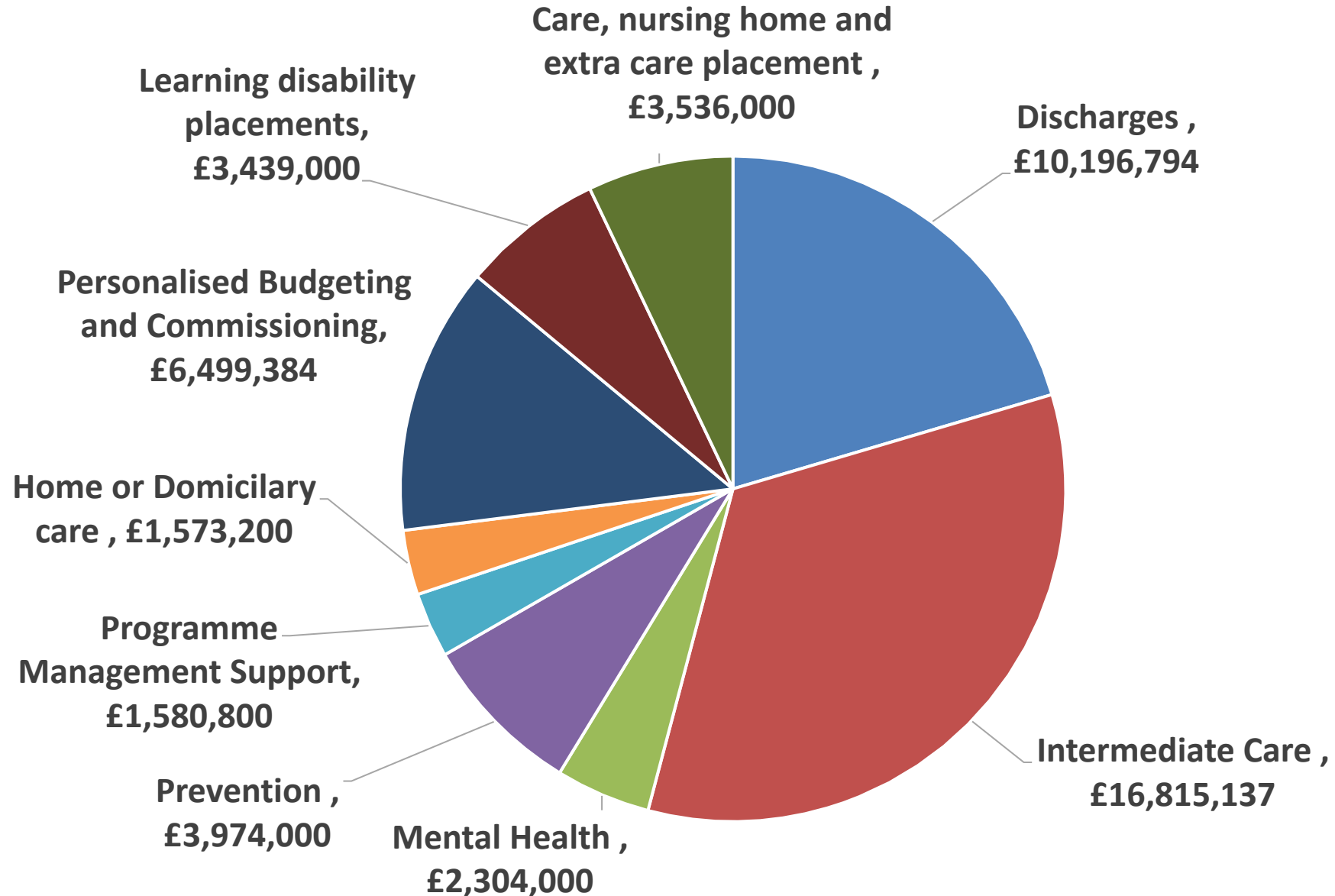
Total Better Care Fund Budget 2023/24: £54,112,550

Total Better Care Fund Budget 2024/25: £56,299,660

Total approved and pending earmarked reserve: £3,796,000

Balance of uncommitted earmarked reserve: £627,000

BCF Expenditure Against Main Funding Themes



BCF Performance Targets

- Avoidable admissions: The ambition is to have a phased improvement of 7% by end of 2023/24.
- Falls: The system wide frailty network is planned to deliver a 5% reduction in the standardised rate in 2023-24.
- Discharge to usual place of residence: Improvement is expected from baseline of 92.77% to 95% by the end of year 2023/24.
- Residential admissions: Implementation of discharge to assess across all pathways during 2023/24.
- Reablement: Recognising data quality has been an issue in previous years, plans and actions are in place to improve reporting on reablement outcomes for people across all partners and commissioned services.

Top Priorities for 2023/24

- Review the recurrent BCF funded schemes through S76 and S75 agreements and determine what we could commission differently and what services we should stop commissioning through exit planning initiatives.
- Effectively engage and invite new business cases especially from the voluntary community and faith sector organisations to meet specific needs faced by our population.
- Align system planning more closely to performance and be more reflective and responsive to what data and local intelligence is telling us.
- Track the flow of funding to determine value for money of services, efficiencies within the workforce to deliver shared outcomes for health & social care.

