

# Better Care Fund 2024/25: Summary

**Objective 1: to enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer**

**Objective 2: to provide people with the right care, at the right place, at the right time.**

## Pooled Budget of £58.9m

### Where the funding is from:

- NHS minimum contribution: £29.7m
- Council IBCF grant £17.8m
- Additional Discharge Fund £7.1m
- Additional contributions £2.5m
- Disabled Facilities Grant £1.8m

### National Conditions

- A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners, signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Plan supports the 2 key objectives.
- Maintaining the NHS's minimum contribution to adult social care and investment in community health services.
- Compliance with detailed planning guidance confirmed through NHSE assurance process.
- Pooled budgets in an agreement known as a section 75.
- Plan must meet national planning guidance and be approved by NHSE.

### Local BCF priorities

- Ensuring a good quality and sustainable care sector, particularly for care homes
- Ensuring carers are supported
- Delivery of discharge improvement plans for minimising delayed transfers of care
- Alignment with the Southwark Health and Wellbeing strategy and Partnership Southwark Health and Care Plan
- Improving prevention and addressing health and well-being inequalities
- Further development of integrated commissioning and alignment of resources
- Development of integrated neighbourhood models of care

### How it is spent:

The BCF funds a wide range of core budgets aimed at supporting discharge, admissions avoidance and community support:

#### Social Care £44.6m including:

- Home care, reablement and intermediate care, residential and nursing care, hospital discharge and transfers of care teams, equipment and telecare, flexi care and step down flats, discharge to assess, mental health and voluntary sector services.

#### Community health £12.5m including:

- GSTT community health including @home, urgent community response, falls service, palliative care at home, equipment, mental health discharge, step down flats, complex health discharge placements, homeless discharge support.

#### Housing adaptations: £1.8m:

- Disabled Facilities Grants (for non-council housing) to enable people with disabilities to live at home.

### Key targets and metrics

- "Avoidable admissions" for ambulatory sensitive conditions
- Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged over 65
- Discharge to usual place of residence
- Admissions to residential and care homes
- Output measures for BCF schemes
- Projected capacity and demand for care services supporting discharge and preventing admission
- Effectiveness of reablement
- Timely discharge (new national measure in development)