

Better Care Fund Plan 2023/25

The Better Care Fund is a Government initiative intended to support people to live healthy, independent, and dignified lives, through joining up health, social care, and housing adaptations. It is underpinned by two key objectives:

- Enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer. This is known as the prevention objective.
- Provide the right care in the right place at the right time. This is known as the hospital discharge objective.

The people with protected characteristics most affected by the 2023/25 BCF plan are:

- Older people
- People with learning disabilities
- People with mental health needs
- Autistic people

Equality Issues Faced and Actions Under the Plan

Addressing falls and frailty in Hayes: This initiative targets older people in the more economically deprived locality of the borough and includes a collaboration between the Falls Prevention Service delivered by CNWL, the community health provider, the third sector provided Wellbeing Service, the Council commissioned Reablement Service and homecare providers. This includes access to a comprehensive assessment and specialist diagnostics to people who have had a fall or are at risk of falling and referral into an 8-week, evidence-based falls prevention exercise programme.

Developing a whole systems approach to addressing obesity: Obesity is an established risk factor for many chronic conditions including diabetes, arthritis, and heart failure. 36% of Hillingdon's population live in the Hayes and Harlington locality, which has the highest obesity prevalence in the borough for both the 18 and above population and Year 6. The highest proportion of Hillingdon's Black, Asian and minority ethnic population also live in this locality.

Delivery of health checks for people with learning disabilities (PLD) to national target: Joint work between Care Connection Teams in the community, social work teams and supported living schemes for people with learning disabilities has contributed to 63% of people aged 14 and above on GP learning disability registers have received checks as of M8 against an ICB target of 50%.

Supporting adults with mental health needs: Increased infrastructure has been established in the form of a new Mental Health Service Manager and Approved Mental Health Practitioner post to expedite discharge from hospital of adults with mental health needs. The intention is to reduce the level of institutionalisation that can arise from long lengths of stay in a hospital setting where this is not required for treatment.