

Request

I am reaching out to better understand the allocation of funds attributed to the Better Care Fund.

- 1) What is the budget for your Health and Wellbeing Boards over the last 5 years? Would you be able to give us a breakdown by source:
 - a) Minimum allocation from Integrated Care Systems (ICSs), or previously from Clinical Commissioning Groups
 - b) Disabled Facilities Grant
 - c) Social care funding (improved BCF)
 - d) Winter pressures grant funding
 - e) Additional Discharge Fund
 - f) Other
- 2) How do you distribute the Better Care Fund? Do you procure services at a Health and Wellbeing Board level or do you distribute funding to NHS Trusts for them to spend individually?
- 3) If the services and suppliers are procured at a Health and Wellbeing Board level could you detail the spending by contract over the last 5 years.
- 4) If the budget is distributed to NHS Trusts, please could you provide a breakdown of distribution by trust for the last 5 years.

Response

1) Below is a summary of Wigan BCF budgets for the last 5 years.

a) minimum BCF allocation

19/20 - £24,452,012

20/21 - £25,686,722

21/22 - £26,986,815

22/23 - £28,514,269

23/24 - £30,128,177

b) Disabled Facilities Grant

19/20 - £4,013,889

20/21 - £4,554,373

21/22 - £4,554,373

22/23 - £4,554,373

23/24 - £4,554,373

c) Social care funding (improved BCF)

19/20 - £14,678,010

20/21 - £16,270,233

21/22 - £16,270,233

22/23 - £16,763,115

23/24 - £16,763,115

d) Winter Pressures Grant Funding

19/20 - £1,592,223

e) Additional Discharge Fund

19/20

20/21

21/22

22/23 - £3,651,435

23/24 - £4,478,377

2) The BCF plan is jointly agreed across all contributing partners of the Wigan Health and Wellbeing Board. The fund is managed by Wigan Council on behalf of all partners.

3) The BCF spend is not managed through individual BCF contracts. In large part the BCF spend forms part of wider locality integrated spend.

4) Budgets are managed centrally by Wigan Council and not distributed to NHS Trusts.