

FOI 0426/2023 Response

Request

To whom it may concern,

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

The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme supports local systems to successfully deliver the integration of health and social care in a way that supports person-centred care, sustainability and better outcomes for people and carers. In this programme some local authorities have received grants like the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) to support social care activity.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/part-rel/transformation-fund/better-care-fund/>

- 1. Does your Trust receive a budget to spend yourselves from the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), or do you receive services that have already been procured at an HWB/ICS level?**
- 2. If your Trust receives a budget, would you be able to share the value of this budget per annum, and the provenance of the budget (HWB/ICS) for the last 5 years.**
- 3. If your Trust does receive a budget, could you break down the allocation of the funds, by type of expenditure and supplier for the last 5 years.**
- 4. If your Trust does not receive a budget, are there specific services provided by the ICS/Local authority coming directly from the Better Care Fund that are used by your Trust?**
- 5. If so, please list the services and suppliers procured and the value of the tenders.**

Response

The Trust do not receive any funding relating to Better Care Fund.

Please note that it is the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board (BSOL ICB) who co-ordinate work with local authorities around Better Care Funding and associate priorities. The Trust therefore recommend that you redirect your request to BSOL ICB.