

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Board Meeting	28 May 2026
Title of Report or Presentation	Better Care Fund Narrative & Numerical Plan 2026-27
Executive Summary Section	
This report sets out the South Tyneside Better Care Fund (BCF) Narrative and Numerical Plan for 2026/27. The plan supports the continued transition to a fully embedded neighbourhood model of integrated care, building on progress made in 2025/26 and aligning with national BCF conditions. BCF investment is focused on strengthening prevention, improving hospital flow, supporting timely discharge and reablement, and reducing avoidable admissions to long-term care through joined-up neighbourhood multidisciplinary teams. Funding is aligned to the priorities of the South Tyneside Health and Care Partnership and supports the delivery of Home First principles, enhanced intermediate care, urgent community response, digital enablement and market stability. Robust joint governance arrangements are in place to oversee delivery, performance, value for money and continuous improvement throughout the year. The Narrative and Numerical Better Care Fund submissions have been developed in parallel and are fully aligned. The delivery priorities described in this report are reflected in the planned expenditure, pooled budget arrangements and agreed metric trajectories within the Numerical Template. Together, these provide assurance that the 2026–27 Better Care Fund plan is financially complete, balanced and aligned to both national requirements and the priorities of the South Tyneside Health and Care Partnership.	

Health and Wellbeing Board Action Request		
[Double click on box]	Type	Reasoning
☐	Decision Needed	If a decision is needed or additional funding is sought, please indicate whether a funding stream has been identified:
☒	Endorsement Needed	If an endorsement of a way forward is needed, please provide details:
☐	Information Sharing Only	

Health and Wellbeing Board Theme	
[Double click on box]	Outcome
☐	Giving Every Child and Young Person the Best Start

☒	Financial Security to Lead Healthy, Fulfilling Lives
☒	Safe and Healthy Places to Live, Learn, and Work
☒	Good Mental Well-Being and Social Connectivity Across the Life Course
☒	Fair Delivery of Service
☐	Public Involvement and Community Engagement

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