

Surrey Health and Social Care

SURREY-WIDE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEES IN COMMON

Emergency and Urgent Decision (Chairs' Actions)

Date of resolution:	07/11/2023
Subject of resolution:	BCF Section 75 Agreements 2022/23 and 2023-25
Lead Officer:	Susan Stern, BCF Policy and Programme Manager, Surrey County Council
Ratification:	This action will be reported to the next meeting of the Surrey-wide Commissioning Committees in Common on 18/12/2023

Summary

The Better Care Fund (BCF) Section 75 (S75) agreements are the underlying contracts which govern the delivery of the BCF. There are separate but aligned agreements between: Surrey County Council and Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board (ICB); and Surrey County Council and Frimley ICB.

Surrey's BCF 75 agreements have been updated during 2023 to reflect new ICB governance arrangements. This has been an iterative process, with initial updates made to the 2022/23 agreements and further refinement within the 2023-25 agreements.

The updated agreements will help clarify governance arrangements, increase transparency across the system and have support from partners across the system.

We are now seeking approval, via delegated authority, for Surrey County Council to seal these agreements by 31 October 2023 to meet NHS England policy requirements for the BCF.

Recommendation:

The Surrey-wide Commissioning Committees are asked to:

1. Approve the 2022/23 BCF S75 agreement between SCC and Surrey Heartlands ICB.
2. Approve the 2022/23 BCF S75 agreement between SCC and Frimley ICB.
3. Approve the 2023-25 BCF S75 agreement between SCC and Surrey Heartlands ICB.
4. Approve the 2023-25 BCF S75 agreement between SCC and Frimley ICB.
5. Authorise SCC Legal Services to seal the above Section 75 Agreements.

Reason for Chair's Action: Due to the non-alignment of meeting dates with the decision required.

Signed:

Confirmation that support for the above decision has been received from the following (as per section 15 of the Committees' Terms of Reference¹):

	Committee Chair	Support received from (at least) one other Committee member
NHS Frimley	Tracey Faraday-Drake; 30/10/2023	Sam Burrows; 07/11/2023
NHS Surrey Heartlands	Ian Smith; 20/10/2023	Matthew Knight; 26/10/2023
Surrey County Council	Cllr Tim Oliver; 26/10/2023	Cllr Mark Nuti; 25/10/2023

¹ 15. Emergency/ Chair's action

15.1 The Committee will delegate responsibility for emergency powers and urgent decisions to the Chair of each Committee who must consult at least one other member of the Committee.

15.2 Urgent decisions must be reported to the next Committee meeting following the urgent decision for ratification by the full meeting together with a report detailing the grounds on which it was decided to take the decision on an urgent basis and the efforts made to contact the relevant other members of the Committee prior to taking the decision.