BCF 2024/25 EoY Template – Intermediate Care Capacity & Demand Assumptions

1. How have your estimates for capacity and demand changed since the last reporting period? Please describe how you are building on your learning across the year where any changes were needed.

Increased capacity for Bridging and Reablement Services funded via ICB Discharge Fund established in Q3 supported P1 performance in Q4. Demand for bed-based step-up provision has been reflected in capacity & demand activity tab and reflects short-term local authority placements that exclude respite.

2. Do you have any capacity concerns for 2025/26? Please consider both your community capacity and hospital discharge capacity.

There are funding reductions to Reablement intended to maximise use of available capacity and the impact of this will be kept under review. Discussions are continuing about sustainable capacity requirements for 2025/26, and flexibility has been built into the discharge aspect of the NHS minimum contribution to support planning to increase capacity to divert residents from acute and/or support additional discharge demand.

3. Where actual demand exceeds capacity, what is your approach to ensuring that people are supported to avoid admission or to enable discharge? Please describe how this improves on your approach for the last reporting period.

Our approach as reported at Q3 remains unchanged, i.e., in addition to response to Q2 above, for admission avoidance we have a UCR single point of access that supports admissions avoidance. In addition, all NWL acutes operate an SDEC model that supports admission avoidance. This also includes a trusted assessor model.

4. Do you have any specific support needs to raise? Please consider priorities for planning readiness for 2025/26.

No support needs identified.