

**REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD**

Date of Meeting: 11 May 2016

Subject: **INFORMATION REPORT** – Update
on the Better Care Fund

Responsible Officer: Bernie Flaherty, Director of Adult Social
Services

Exempt: No

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: None

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out an update for the Board on the Better Care Fund Plan for
2016/17

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

The last HWB agreed for delegated authority to be given to the officer of the council to sign off the BCF 2016-17 in consultation with the Chair of the HWB.

By the time of presenting this information report to the HWB the BCF will have been signed off and submitted to NHS England for approval.

It is important however to set out some of the key requirements that the regional moderation panels of the BCF have focussed on in terms of taking plans forward for 16/17. These include the following:

1. Alignment of Council and CCG priorities in terms of agreement to funding.
2. A clear demonstration and data driven evidence as to how the area will meet the national conditions to maintain social care services in 2016-17
3. A clear agreement on how plans will support progress on meeting the 2020 standards for seven-day services, to prevent unnecessary non-elective admissions and support timely discharge
4. Better data sharing between health and social care, based on the NHS number
5. A joint approach to assessments and care planning
6. Agreement on the consequential impact of the changes on the providers that are predicted to be substantially affected by the plans.
7. That a proportion of the areas allocation is invested in the NHS commissioned out of hospital services or retained pending release as part of a local risk sharing arrangement
8. Agreement on a local plan of action to reduce delayed transfers of care.

In developing the plan we have been clear on the following:

- A jointly agreed narrative including detailing how we will address the national conditions. 2016-17 is very much about protection and stability of health and social care services whilst striving to continuously improve performance, where possible, with the agreed financial envelope.
- Confirmed funding arrangements that support financial stability within the local system, although this does not extend beyond the current financial year.
- Quarterly plan figures for national metrics which can be reported on to HWB

Section 3 – Further Information

- The BCF 2016-17 will be signed off by HWB by 3rd May 2016. At that point it will be made available to members of the HWB and published.
- Reference to the BCF Approach to Better Care Fund Plans.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

Both the Council and CCG continue to face significant financial challenges, making decisions around the allocation of the BCF funding challenging.

In July 2015, Cabinet received a budget planning process update report which reaffirmed the total budget gap of £52.4m over the three year period 2016/17 to 2018/19 and in February 2016 the Council approved the final revenue budget for 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2016/17 to 2019/20. The 2016-17 budget noted that £6.5m would be received from the BCF as indicated by the HWBB in January 2015 and the final position is consistent with these assumptions.

The CCG submitted the first draft of the operating plan at the beginning of February, which indicated a deficit in 2016/17 and which was not compliant with NHS business rules (namely a deterioration in the year on year position; achieving a 1% cumulative reserve; and holding 1% of allocation un-committed at the start of the year). The CCG is undertaking further work on the plan to address the gap within the plan, mitigate the risks identified and establish the full impact of the requirements of the planning guidance.

The total value of the BCF in 2016/17 will be £15.252m (this being the minimum prescribed value of the fund and comprises revenue funding of £14.071m together with capital funding of £1.181m.

The agreed schemes for 16/17 will be:

Scheme	£m	Provider
Protection of Social Care Services	6.458	Local Authority
Whole Systems & Transformation of Community Services	7.613	CCG
Revenue BCF	14.071	
Capital Schemes	1.181	Local Authority
Total BCF Funding 2016/17	15.252	

The funding will be supported by a s75 agreement .

Section 5 - Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

Section 6 – Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

Please identify how the report incorporates the administration's priorities.

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for local businesses
- Making a difference for families

STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE (Council and Joint Reports)

Name: Donna Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 15/04/16		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 7 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Jon Manzoni Head of Strategic Commissioning 07976207251

Background Papers: None