

**REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD**

Date of Meeting: 30 June 2016

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

Responsible Officer: Bernie Flaherty, Director of Adult Social
Services

Exempt: No

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: None

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out progress on the Better Care Fund for Quarter 4 2015/16.

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

This report provides an update on progress made for the 4th quarter of the year 2015/16.

The agreed value of the Better Care Fund in Harrow is £14.373m, £1.190m of which reflects the continuation of historic capital funding in relation to Disabled Facility and Community Capacity Grants. The balance of £13.183m is allocated to three agreed schemes.

A section 75 agreement between the Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is in place to underpin the agreement.

The BCF agreed 3 schemes.

1. Whole Systems Integrated Care Programme - £3.023m

This included the expansion of the Integrated Care Pilot (ICP) to provide an end to end case management service, together with the roll out of multi-disciplinary teams to provide personalised long term care and support for individuals at high risk of hospital admission, beginning with older people with one or more long term condition. The success of the pilot has resulted in the scheme being rolled out across the borough.

2. Transforming Community Services - £4.749m

This included better aligning CCG community services to primary care, aligning CCG Short Term Assessment, Reablement and Rehabilitation Service (STARRS) better with community care, establishing a single point of access to community services and the CCG redesigning the pathway for the urgent assessment of mental illness with a focus on avoiding acute admissions and delivering care in community setting.

Through the re-commissioning and re-configuration of community services, services provided in the community will be better aligned with GP practices and the range of services provided will be increased. The CCG has re-tendered its community services contract to deliver a more comprehensive integrated care model that supports Whole Systems Working and supports the delivery of Whole Systems Integrated Care. The contract award was made in December 2015 and the new service provided by Central London Community Healthcare (CLCH) went live on May 4th 2016.

3. Protecting Social Care - £5.411m

To ensure social care provision, essential to the delivery of an effective, supportive, whole system of care is sustained. The scheme includes access and assessment from the acute and community sector, a Reablement service, a diverse range of services to meet eligible needs through personal budgets and comprehensive and effective safeguarding and quality assurance services, including support to carer's.

The council continues to maintain the services meeting its performance output and outcomes. It should be noted that the Quarter 4 national indicator for reablement show that 77% of all clients completing reablement in Harrow were still living independently 91 days after discharge. This is the third highest in London. It is also encouraging to note that the number of social care clients reporting being satisfied has continued to increase for Quarter 4 reflecting the quality of services local people receive.

National Conditions

The BCF plan continues to deliver the national conditions as set out by NHS England.

- 1) Protection of social care services
- 2) 7 day services to support patients being discharged
- 3) Data sharing – The NHS number being used as the primary identifier for health and care services and appropriate agreements in place. To date a target of 85% of matching NHS numbers have been achieved
- 4) Joint assessments and lead professionals in place for high risk populations
- 5) Agreement on the impact of changes with the acute sector

NHS England quarterly monitoring

The 16/17 BCF Plan seeks to consolidate the work done in 15/16 and to build upon this. Harrow is also a member of the London ADASS, BCF Peer Network which regularly meets to review national policy updates and planning guidance.

Sustainability and Transformation Plan

In December 2015, NHS England published '*Delivering the Forward View: NHS planning guidance 2016/17–2020/21*'. The guidance states that health

and social care are required to develop a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) which has a shared vision with the local community. The better care fund will make strategic links with the STP. The STP is currently in development with officers who lead on the BCF inputting into the planning document.

Section 3 – 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.

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.

Financial models to support the development of the local and NWL STP are being jointly developed by CCG CFOs. These plans are expected to assist in contributing to and achieving financial balance for health budgets. These plans will be presented as they are developed for consideration and approval through the relevant governance processes (CCG & LA), to ensure that any proposals can be delivered within the existing MTFS and financial plans.

Council and CCG officers have agreed a contribution of £6.558m to enable the national condition for the protection of social care funding to be met for 2016-17 and will be supported by a s75 agreement. This agreed figure is consistent with that noted as part of the Council budget setting process

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

STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE (Council and Joint Reports)

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Date: 14/06/16.		

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