

Report for: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting:	27 th September 2022
Subject:	Better Care Fund (BCF) 2022-23 Draft Plan Submission
Responsible Officer:	Isha Coombes Borough Director (Harrow), NW London Shaun Riley, Interim Director of Adult Social Services
Public:	Yes
Wards affected:	All Wards
Enclosures:	Annexe A: BCF Draft Plan Slide Presentation

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

Report for Information

This report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with the Better Care Fund Plan for 2022-23 submission.

Recommendations:

1. Note the details of the presentation
2. Endorse the BCF 2022-23 Plan Submission

Section 2 – Report

Introduction

1. This report presents the BCF Plan 2022-23 Submission to the Health and Wellbeing Board. It is one of the National Conditions for the Submission to be agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. The BCF Plan 2022-23 Submission was sent to NHS England on 23 September subject to endorsement by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Board is asked to confirm their endorsement of the submission. Annexe A provides details of the BCF submission.

The Better Care Fund

3. The Better Care Fund was established by the Government to provide funds to local areas to support the integration of health and social care and to seek to achieve the National Conditions and Local Objectives.
4. Since 2015, the Government's aims around integrating health, social care and housing, through the Better Care Fund (BCF), have played a key role in the journey towards person-centred integrated care. The aims have provided a context in which the NHS and local authorities work together, as equal partners, with shared objectives. The plans produced are presented and agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board and represent a single, local plan for the integration of health and social care.
5. In accordance with the Government's legislation for health and social care, Harrow is now part of the North West London Integrated Care System (ICS) across 8 local authority areas. The Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and Integrated Care Board (ICB) are being established. The Harrow Place Based Partnership is established through the Harrow Health and Care Executive (HHaCE) and Joint Management Board, with representatives from the PCNs, health providers, Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and the local Authority.
6. The BCF Plan 2022-23 was agreed by the HHaCE on 23 September 2022 and was submitted in accordance with the BCF requirements.
7. The Council and ICB will agree their BCF schemes for 2022-23 as part of the s75 agreement and in accordance with Government requirements.
8. The BCF Working Group drafted the plan. The Working Group is incorporated into the Harrow Place Based Partnership transformation priority on Frailty which includes the Integrated Intermediate Care programme.

Financial Implications/Comments

9. In accordance with BCF conditions, all funding elements have been jointly agreed by local authority and ICB partners with the relevant amounts included in the respective organisational budgets for 2022-23.
10. The value of the schemes pooled within the BCF in 2022-23 totaled £26,480,903. The funding sources are presented in the table below:

Disabled Facilities	£1,721,553
Minimum NHS Contribution	£18,055,813
iBCF LA Government Grant	£6,663,537
Additional LA Contribution	£0
Additional ICB Contribution	£40,000
Total	£26,480,903

11. The table below summarises the local authority schemes and health schemes which are detailed in Annexe A:

Disabled Facilities Grants (LA)	£1,721,553
Protection of Social Care Services (LA)	£13,845,440
Health Schemes (ICB)	£10,913,910
Total	£26,480,903

Legal Implications/Comments

12. Since 2013, The Better Care Fund (BCF) has required the NHS and local government to create a local single pooled budget to incentivise closer working around people, placing their wellbeing as the focus of health and care services, and shifting resources into social care and community services for the benefit of the people, communities and health and care systems.
13. The national conditions for the operation of BCF in 2022 to 2023 include that a jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners is prepared and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Risk Management Implications

14. N/A

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

15. A priority for the Harrow Borough Based Partnership is to tackle inequalities. Impact assessments will be undertaken on the projects.

Council Priorities

16. The BCF projects contribute to the Council's priorities of Putting Residents First by improving services for citizens through an integrated approach and focus on individuals.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance (Council and Joint Reports)

Statutory Officer:

Signed on *behalf of/by the Chief Financial Officer

Donna Edwards

Date: 14/09/2022

Statutory Officer:

Signed on *behalf of/by the Monitoring Officer

Sharon Clark

Date: 14/09/2022

Chief Officer:

Signed by the Corporate Director

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Date: 14/09/2022

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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