

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
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Strategic Context	Please see body of report		

1. Summary

- 1.1 Better Care Fund (BCF) planning guidance for 2022/23 was published on 19 July 2022. Plans must be submitted to NHS England by 29 September 2022 and local areas are required to seek formal approval of the plan by the Health and Wellbeing Board before its submission to NHSE.
- 1.2 This report provides members of the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of the BCF plan for 2022/23 (which includes the Improved Better Care Funding) which will be submitted by 29 Septembers and seeks members' approval of the recommendations set out in paragraph 2.
- 1.3 Following its submission to NHSE, the BCF plan will be subject to a national assurance process. South East London Integrated Care Board (Lewisham) (SEL ICB) and the Council will be notified of the outcome of this process in due course.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) are asked to:
 - Note that the detailed information and data for inclusion in the final report is currently being collected but that the schemes for inclusion in the Better Care Fund Plan 2022/23 are set out in paragraph 5.3.
 - Delegate final approval of the Better Care Fund Plan to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board before it is submitted to NHSE.
 - Note, for information, the Q4 return on the BCF Plan 2021/22 which was made on 27 May 2022. Please see appendix A.

3. Strategic Context

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires Health and Wellbeing Boards to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social services in the area to work in an integrated manner, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the area.
- 3.2 The Care Act 2014 amended the NHS Act 2006 to provide the legislative basis for the BCF. It allows for the mandate to NHS England to include specific requirements relating to the establishment and use of an integration fund.
- 3.3 The BCF is a joint health and social care integration fund managed by Lewisham Council and SEL ICB (Lewisham). The strategic framework is set out in the national BCF policy framework and planning guidance.
- 3.4 There are a number of proposed reforms to the health and social care system, including the Integration White Paper: [Health and social care integration: joining up care people, place and populations](#), the [Adult Social Care Reform White Paper, People at the Heart of Care](#). These, alongside the Health and Care Act 2022, will provide an important context for the BCF going forward.

4. BCF Plan 2022/23

- 4.1 On 19 July 2022, the Government published the Better Care Fund Policy Framework for 2022/23. The document set out the national conditions, metrics and funding arrangements for the BCF in 2022/23.
- 4.2 The Policy Framework stated that a full planning round would be undertaken in 2022/23 with areas required to formally agree BCF plans and fulfil national accountability requirements.
- 4.5 The BCF 2022/23 plan is being developed by SEL ICB (Lewisham) and the Council. The BCF Plan covers one financial year and will continue to fund activity in the following areas:
- Prevention and Early Action
 - Community based care and Neighbourhood Networks
 - Enhanced Care and Support
 - Population Health and IT
- 4.6 Recognising that the BCF Plan 2022/23 will be submitted in Q2 of this financial year, the S75 Board will continue to support delivery against the current BCF Plan.

5. Funding Contributions

- 5.1 In 2022/23 the financial contribution to the BCF from SEL ICB (Lewisham) is £25,971,817. The financial contribution from the Council in 2022/23 is £773,989, in addition to the DFG contribution of £1,518,970. The IBCF grant to Lewisham Council has been pooled into the BCF and totals £14,941,703. The total BCF pooled budget for 2022/23 is £43,206,479.
- 5.2 The financial contributions to the BCF have been agreed by the ICB and Council and agreed through the ICB's and Council's formal budget setting processes.

5.3 The table below shows the planned areas of expenditure within the BCF and IBCF plan for 2022/23.

Schemes	Areas of Expenditure	2022/23
Integrated Care Planning	Telephone Triage, Single Point of Access, Transition planning, additional Winter Capacity for care planning	£5,454,303
Community Based Schemes	Extended primary care and urgent care access, Medicine Optimisation and Enablement	£11,635,938
Assistive Technologies	Equipment and Telecare	£1,051,986
Prevention and Early Intervention	Community Falls Service Sail Connections Self-Management support Social Prescribing	£1,209,875
DFG	Adaptations to the home	£1,518,970
Residential placements	Extra Care Provision Transition support Maintaining level of mental health provision	£4,117,272
Personalised Care at Home	Neighbourhood Community Teams	£4,380,844
High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfer of Care	Social Care Delivery Hospital Discharge Provision Continuing Health Care Assessments Home First and D2A Trusted assessors	£4,556,295
Enablers for integration	Population Health System Connect Care Integration programme and Alliance resource Contingency	£1,789,746
Carers services	Advice, information and support	£589,971
Housing Related	Learning disability supported accommodation	£164,000
Home Care or Domiciliary care	Demographic growth Protection of current level of packages of care Local Care Market Stability	£5,837,279
Care Act Implementation	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards support	£900,000
Total BCF/IBCF		£43,206,479

6. National Conditions, Capacity and Demand Plans and HICM

6.1 The **national conditions** for this planning year are similar to those for the 2021/22 planning period. The conditions are:

- 1) A requirement for a jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners, signed off by the HWB.

- 2) NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to the minimum contribution.
- 3) Requirement for investment in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services.
- 4) Implementing the BCF policy objectives, which are to:
 - a) Enable people to stay safe, well and independent at home for longer and
 - b) Provide the right care in the right place at the right time.

6.2 The BCF plan is required to demonstrate that these national conditions have been met.

6.3 For the first time, the BCF submission also requires development of a local **Capacity and Demand plan** for intermediate care. This plan must also provide detail on local expenditure on intermediate care, whether this is funded via the BCF or other finance sources.

6.4 Intermediate care is defined as “a multi-disciplinary service that helps people to be as independent as possible” which “provides support and rehabilitation to people at risk of hospital admission or who have been in hospital” ([NICE, 2022](#))

6.5 Local areas are also required to self-assess against the [High Impact Change Model](#). This element of the BCF submission does not form part of the assessment by NHSE of the BCF plan.

7. Metrics

7.1 Final BCF plans must include ambitions for each of the national metrics. Planning templates must include plans for achieving these as a condition of approval. The metrics for 2022/23 have changed slightly and are now:

- a) Effectiveness of reablement (proportion of older people still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement or rehabilitation).
- b) Older adults whose long-term care needs are met by admission to residential or nursing care per 100,000 population.
- c) Unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions.
- d) Improving the proportion of people discharged home, based on data on discharge to their usual place of residence.

7.2 In previous years, the BCF included a metric for hospital length of stay. This metric has been removed from the BCF for 2022/23.

8. Governance

8.1 The BCF arrangements are underpinned by pooled funding arrangements with a section 75 agreement. A section 75 agreement is an agreement made under section 75 of the National Health Services Act 2006 between a local authority and an NHS body in England. It can include arrangements for pooling resources and delegating certain NHS and local authority health related functions to the other partner.

8.2 The Section 75 Agreement Management Group (Adults) continues to oversee the 2022/23 BCF plan and expenditure.

9. Financial Implications

9.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. Monitoring of the activity supported by the Better Care Funding continues to be undertaken by the

10. Legal implications

10.1 As part of their statutory functions, members are required to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social services in the area to work in an integrated manner, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the area, and to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of health-related services in its area to work closely with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

10.2 Where there is an integration of services and/or joint funding, then this is dealt with under an agreement under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 which sets out the governance arrangements for the delivery of services, and where relevant any delegation of functions from one party to another and the respective budget contributions of the local authority and the CCG in relation to the services.

11. Crime and Disorder Implications

11.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

12. Equalities Implications

12.1 Tackling inequalities in health is one of the overarching purposes of integration. Each new or existing service funded by the BCF has regard to the need to reduce inequalities in access to care and outcomes of care. An equalities assessment/analysis is undertaken as part of the development of any new proposals to assess the impact of the new services on different communities and groups.

13. Environmental Implications

13.1 There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

14. Conclusion

14.1 This report provides an overview of the development of the Better Care Fund 2022/23 plan and seeks Members approval on next steps as set out in the recommendations. Members are asked to note the contents and agree the recommendations set out in the report.

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Appendix A - Better Care Fund 2021-22 Year-end Template

