

 Brent NHS North West London	Brent Health and Wellbeing Board 13 October 2022
	Report from Integrated Care Board
Better Care Fund (BCF) 2022-23	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	None
Background Papers	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek comment and approval for the Brent Better Care Fund plan for 2022/23, which has been agreed by the Brent ICP Executive and submitted in draft pending approval to the national Better Care team

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 For the Brent Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the 2022/23 Better Care Fund plan for Brent.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The BCF submission has been completed working with all the teams and stakeholders in Brent. The uplift amount has been used to support some new schemes that support transformation and winter pressures.

3.2 Few programmes from last year have been repurposed and some new programmes were added to ensure the current priorities are supported.

3.3 New programmes added included:

- Additional Occupational Therapist and social worker for access team to support people in community and prevent crisis
- Carer engagement officer
- Additional social worker for integrated neighbourhood teams

- Support worker, Housing officer to support discharge from inpatient mental health unit
- Advanced Mental Health practitioner in A/E department to support Early discharges
- Social worker in Rapid Response team to support admission avoidance

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The table below details the value of the BCF Pooled Budget for 2022/23. The level of contribution from the ICB has increased as per the specified inflationary increases, which has been uniformly applied to all Health and Wellbeing Boards at 5.66%. This is demonstrated further in our BCF Planning Template submission for 2022/23.

Brent Better Care Fund 2022 to 2023	National	Brent		
	2022 to 2023 (£m)	2022 to 2023 (£m)	2021 to 2022 (£m)	Increase
Minimum NHS contribution	4,504	25.837	24.453	5.66%
improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)	2,140	13.345	12.952	3.03%
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	573	5.317	5.317	0.00%
Additional LA Contribution	-	-	-	0.00%
Additional ICB Contribution	-	0.071	0.071	0.00%
Total	7,217	44.569	42.793	

4.2 National funding for the Disabilities Facilities Grant in 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025 is also £573 million for both years. This has remained at the same level since 2020/21. Brent's proportion of the funding is £5.317m.

4.3 The Improved Better Care Fund has increased nationally by 3.03%, with Brent's allocation for 22/23 increasing from £12.952m to £13.345m

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 Following approval, officers will progress the Section S75 agreement, the legal mechanism to enable the transfer of funding.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 None, as all the existing and new programmes will be delivered to everyone across Brent.

Report sign off:

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