



**Brent Health and Wellbeing Board**  
30 October 2023

**Report from the Corporate Director  
of Health Care and Wellbeing**

**Lead Cabinet Member Councillor  
Nerva**

**Better Care Fund submission**

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	N/A
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	N/A
<b>List of Appendices:</b>	None
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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**1.0 Executive Summary**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Brent Better Care Fund plan for 2023/24, and to delegate authority for senior officers to enter into the formal Section 75 arrangements in order to allow funding to be transferred to the local authority and establish the pooled budget. The plan has been agreed by the Brent ICP Executive and in draft to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 pending signoff from the NW London Integrated Care Board and the national Better Care Fund team. The plan has now been submitted and approved by the national team, pending formal ratification of the Health and Wellbeing Board of the final draft” which has been agreed by the Brent ICP Executive and submitted in draft pending approval to the national Better Care team.

**2.0 Recommendation(s)**

2.1 Approve the 2023/24 Better Care Fund plan.

**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 OT to support Hospital discharges (equipment needs)
  - Additional Programme Support for hospital flow ensuring swift provision of community equipment, aids and adaptations, prevention in health decline and mobility admission avoidance and carer
  - Programme worker to map out and develop Autism pathway
  - Additional Social worker to support patients in-patient MH unit to facilitate early discharge
  - Additional Reablement to support integrated team Rehabilitation and Reablement team

### **3.2 Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context**

- 3.2.1 This paper contributes to a number of strategic priorities within Brent Council's Borough Plan 2023 – 2027 and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022 - 2027. The central priority it relates to is strategic priority 5 'A Healthier Brent', and looks to tackle health inequalities and provide localised services for local needs around health and wellbeing. The BCF plan provides details on various schemes that meet the outcomes of strategic priority 5, as well as outcomes within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

### **3.3 Background**

- 3.3.1 Integration of health and social care services and joint working has been a national and local priority for some time, during which the Council has worked together with NWL ICB to provide a range of integrated and jointly commissioned services. Following the introduction of the National Service Act 2006 (NHS Act 2006) this co-operation has been pursuant to s75 of that Act. Parties have entered into partnership agreements pursuant to Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 ("Section 75 partnership London Borough of Brent agreements"). Under Section 75 partnership agreements the parties pooled their budget to jointly provide or commission services.
- 3.3.2 Officers have met with colleagues from NWL ICB to review current arrangements and considered that continuation of the Section 75 partnership agreements are the most operationally advantageous way forward for the Council and NWL ICB to continue to fulfil their work in a seamless and integrated way to improve outcomes for service users.

### **4.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement**

- 4.1 All BCF Planning Schemes have been worked through and agreed upon by all stakeholders.
- 4.2 There are no further stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement comments specific to this paper.

## 5.0 Financial Considerations

- 5.1 The table below details the value of the BCF Pooled Budget for 2023/24. The level of contribution from the NWL 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 2023/24.

<b>Better Care Fund 2023-2024</b>	2022-2023 (m)	2023-2024 (m)	Increase
DFG	£5.317	£5.317	0.00%
Minimum NHS Contribution	£25.836	£27.298	5.66%
iBCF	£13.344	£13.344	0.00%
Additional LA Contribution	£0.000	£0.000	0.00%
Additional NHS Contribution	£0.071	£1.486	
Local Authority Discharge Funding	£1.119	£1.870	67.11%
ICB Discharge Funding	£1.115	£1.670	49.78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£46.802</b>	<b>£50.985</b>	

- 5.2 National funding for the Disabilities Facilities Grant in 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025 is also £573million for both years. This has remained at the same level since 2020/21. Brent's proportion of the funding is £5.317m.
- 5.3 The Improved Better Care Fund has remained at the same level since 2023 with Brent's allocation remaining at £13.345m.
- 5.4 DHSC National funding was set at £600m for 23/24, this has meant an increase in Brent's allocation of 67.11% for the Direct LA grant and 49.78% for NWL ICB allocation.
- 5.5 The movement in additional NHS contribution is due to change in category of the funds.

## 6.0 Legal Considerations

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

## 7.0 Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

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

## 8.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

8.1 There are no specific climate and environmental considerations relating to this paper.

**9.0 Human Resources/Property Considerations (if appropriate)**

9.1 There are no specific Human Resources/Property considerations relating to this paper.

**10.0 Communication Considerations**

10.1 There are no specific communication considerations relating to this paper.

**Report sign off:**

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