

Title of Report	Better Care Fund 2022-23 Plan
For Consideration By	Health and Wellbeing Board
Meeting Date	November 2022
Classification	Open
Ward(s) Affected	All
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Is this report for:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Decision

Why is the report being brought to the board?

The use of BCF mandatory funding streams (NHS minimum contribution, Improved Better Care Fund grant (iBCF) and Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) must be jointly agreed by Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and Local Authorities to reflect local health and care priorities, with plans signed off by health and wellbeing boards (HWBs).

Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council or other stakeholders?

City & Hackney Health and Care Board (8 Sept 22)

1. Summary

Annual Plan 2022/23

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a programme spanning both the NHS and local government which seeks to join-up health and care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing, and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

The BCF provides a mechanism for joint health, housing and social care planning and commissioning. It brings together ring-fenced budgets from Integrated Care Board (ICB) allocations, and funding paid directly to local government, including the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), and the improved Better Care Fund (iBCF).

The BCF Planning Policy Framework for 2022-23 was published 19 July 2022 and systems were required to submit BCF plans by 26 September 2022.

The NHS contribution to the BCF has increased by 5.66% in line with the NHS Long Term Plan settlement. Hackney's total ICB allocation is £24,404,326

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Health & Wellbeing Board note and endorse the national planning requirements and the Plan for Hackney for 2022/23.
- 2.2. That the Health & Wellbeing Board note that the BCF Plan will benefit residents by continuing to fund:
 - Effective Hospital Discharge including temporary accommodation
 - Homeless Pathway to support hospital discharge
 - Support to Carers
 - Disables Facilities Grant to support adaptations for residents
 - Increase costs to care packages

3. Background

The Better Care Fund was launched in 2015 to join up the NHS, social care and housing services so that older people, and those with complex needs, can manage their own health and wellbeing and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and local governments to agree to a joint plan, owned by the health and wellbeing board (HWB). These are joint plans for using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).

There was limited change to the 2022 to 2023 Better Care Fund policy framework to provide continuity for systems during this transitional period of health and social care reform.

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The BCF Planning Policy Framework for 2022-23 was published 19 July 2022 and systems are required to submit BCF plans by 26 September 2022.

The NHS contribution to the BCF has increased by 5.66% in line with the NHS Long Term Plan settlement. City and Hackney's total ICB allocation is £25,253,585.

The Board is being asked to Approve our 2022-23 BCF Plans.

Overview of Plans

The BCF plans support delivery of the City and Hackney Partnership Integrated Delivery Plan and enables implementation of some of the transformation programmes and "big ticket items". This includes working to reduce health inequalities for our residents.

Our local plan for 2022-23 is a continuation of core service provision and transformational initiatives that seeks to join up health and social care.

Funding remains in place for implementation of care act duties, carers services and reablement in addition to the ICBs core community services.

The Neighbourhoods programme continues to be a strategic priority for City and Hackney and is funded through the BCF plan.

Expenditure

Area	Income
Disabled Facility Grant (DFG)	£1,730,686
Minimum NHS Contribution	£24,408,326
iBCF	£16,636,745
Total	£42,775,757

Scheme ID	Scheme Name	Commissioner	Expenditure (£)
1	Services to support Carers	LA	£741,176
2	Community equipment and adaptations	LA	£1,098,039
3	Maintaining eligibility criteria	LA	£4,288,6841
4	Targeted preventative services	LA	£409,653
5	Telecare	LA	£302,355
6	Interim Beds	LA	£369,532
7	Management Officer Post	LA	£73,000
8	Integrated Independence Team (LBH)	LA	£1,622,020
9	Integrated Independence Team (HH)	CCG	£2,414,791
10	Neighbourhoods Programme	CCG	£1,095,452
11	Adult Cardiorespiratory Enhanced + Responsive Service (ACERS)	CCG	£714,377
12	Bryning Day unit/Falls Prevention	CCG	£428,757
13	Asthma	CCG	£33,124
14	St Joseph's Hospice	CCG	£2,677,705
15	Paradoc	CCG	£901,006
16	Adult Community Rehabilitation Team	CCG	£3,053,198
17	Adult Community Nursing	CCG	£2,558,633
18	Age UK - Take Home and Settle	CCG	£208,566
19	Discharge Coordinators	CCG	£167,543
20	GP Out of Hours Home Visiting Service	CCG	£388,713
21	Pathway Homeless Hospital Discharge Team - HH	CCG	£113,736
22	Pathway Homeless Hospital Discharge Team -ELFT	CCG	£85,555
23	Pathway Charity Franchise Fee	CCG	£19,400
24	DES supplementary care homes services	CCG	£111,144
25	IBCF meeting adult social care need	LA	£16,636,745
26	Disabilities Facilities Grant	LA	£1,730,686
27	System Pressures	CCG	£532,167
	Total		£42,775,757

A small portion of funding has been held back to support discharge and other system pressures. We are in the process of establishing whether we need to support pressures or to repurpose to something new. This includes:

- Additional funding to the Integrated Community Equipment Service to meet increase in costs attributed to health equipment
- Lowri House Step-up and Step-down accommodation
- Routes to Roots Housing Link Workers

3.1. Policy Context:

Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities this report relates to?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving mental health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing social connections
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting greater financial security
<input type="checkbox"/>	All of the above
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None of the above

Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing 'Ways of Working' this report relates to?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strengthening our communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creating, supporting and working with volunteer and peer roles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Collaborations and partnerships: including at a neighbourhood level
<input type="checkbox"/>	Making the best of community resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	All of the above
<input type="checkbox"/>	None of the above

3.2. Equality Impact Assessment

The BCF has been created to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society, placing them at the centre of their care and support. The aim is to provide better integrated health and social care services, resulting in an improved experience and better quality of life.

An equalities impact assessment has not been undertaken on the BCF as a whole. Assessments have been done on individual services when established or changed over time.

3.3. Consultation

Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Have the relevant members/ organisations and officers been consulted on the recommendations in this report ?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

3.4. Risk Assessment

There are no risks that need to be brought to the Board. The BCF is a funding mechanism for many of the ICBs core community services and the Local Authority statutory responsibilities. Any risks are reported via organisational risk registers as appropriate.

3.5. Sustainability

not applicable

[Appendices](#)

Background documents

Please link background documents here

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