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### Summary

The Better Care Fund (BCF) plays a key role in the health and social care integration agenda and for the City of London funds a number of important initiatives such as the Care Navigator post which ensures that City of London residents have a safe and supported discharge from hospital.

In order to fit with the two year NHS planning process, the next round of the BCF is also for two years (2017-19). As the City of London Corporation moves forward with integrated commissioning, the BCF will be considered within the aims of this approach.

The submission guidance for BCF plans for 2017-19 was significantly delayed but was published in July 2017 with a deadline of 11 September. As agreed by HWBB Members at the June meeting, the plans were agreed under delegation by the Chair of the HWBB in conjunction with the Director of Community and Children's Services.

This report provides a summary of the plans for the HWBB for their information.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of the report and the BCF plans for 2017-19

### Main Report

#### Background

1. The Better Care Fund (BCF) was launched in June 2013. It brings together some health and social care budgets to integrate services at a local level to support more person-centred co-ordinated care. In the first two years of the BCF, the total amount of pooled funding was £5.3bn in 2015-16 and £5.8bn in 2016-17.

2. The next round of the BCF covers two years (2017-19) to align with NHS planning timetables and to give areas the opportunity to plan more strategically.
3. Nationally for 2017-18, the BCF will be £5.128bn and for 2018-19, £5.617bn. The local flexibility to pool more than the mandatory amount will remain.
4. The main change to the Framework from last year is the inclusion of additional local authority funding. Some of this was announced in the 2015 spending review and an additional £2bn over three years was announced in the Spring budget 2017. This is known as the Improved BCF (iBCF) and is to be used for the purposes of meeting adult social care needs; reducing pressures on the NHS, including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready; and ensuring that the local social care provider market is supported.
5. A number of conditions have to be met in order to access the BCF and going forward these have been reduced from eight to four. These are as follows:
  - BCF Plans to be jointly agreed
  - NHS contribution to adult social care is maintained in line with inflation
  - Agreement to invest in NHS out of hospital services
  - Managing Transfers of Care (this is amended from the previous one which focused on reducing the number of days of delayed transfers of care)
6. BCF forms an important part of the wider integration agenda and local areas are required to ensure that the financial planning and overall direction of travel within the BCF plans and the local STP are aligned.
7. The City of London Corporation had its own BCF plan in both 2015/16 and 2016/17.
8. Any City of London Corporation BCF plan has to be agreed by the HWBB. The June meeting of the HWBB agreed that if the submission process fell outside of the normal cycle of meetings, then approval of the plans could be delegated to the Chair of the HWBB in conjunction with the Director of Community and Children's Services.

### **Current Position**

9. The strategic direction for the BCF and iBCF locally is set in the context of the integrated commissioning arrangements between the City of London Corporation and City and Hackney CCG.
10. In February 2017, the City of London Corporation Policy and Resources committee agreed to enter into integrated commissioning arrangements with City and Hackney CCG. The arrangements are built on commissioning decisions about health, public health and social care being taken together through an Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB). Integrated commissioning

aims to reduce duplication and bureaucracy, make the most of the organisations' shared knowledge, experience and resources and improve health, social care and wellbeing outcomes by better meeting the needs of our communities.

11. The funding for the City of London Corporation BCF 2017-19 is as follows:

<b>Running Balances</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
BCF Pooled Total Balance	£818,618	£881,919
<i>Of which</i>		
Local Authority Contribution (Disabled Facilities Grant)	£28,304	£30,294

12. It is proposed that the funding for 2017-19 is used as follows. The City of London Corporation commissioned services are on-going services which have been funded before through the BCF.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Lead commissioner</b>	<b>£,000</b>	<b>£,000</b>	<b>£,000</b>	<b>Brief Description of the scheme</b>
		<b>16/17</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	
Care Navigator	City of London Corporation	60	60	60	Supporting safe hospital discharge for City of London residents to minimise DTOCs, prevent readmission and maintain independence
Reablement Plus	City of London Corporation	30	65	65	Provision of up to 72 hours of 24 hour care to prevent hospital admission and to facilitate safe hospital discharge at weekends and bank holidays. City of London Discharge to Assess model
Mental Health Reablement and Floating Support	City of London Corporation	60	120	80	ELFT working with people with chronic mental health conditions living in supported living to support reaching of full potential with move to more independent living where appropriate. Ongoing floating support

					to ensure links are made with local health and community services and independence sustained.  Can also receive direct referrals to assist in the discharge process
Carers' support		10	10	50	To provide specialist independent support, information and advice to informal adult carers to support them in their caring role and promote their health and wellbeing
Disabilities Facilities Grant	City of London Corporation	26	28	30	Mandatory scheme to support disabled people live more independently in their own home (private rented or owner occupied)
IBCF meeting adult social care need	City of London Corporation	-	90	114	To help sustain the adult social care system, by offsetting additional savings which would have been required, funding increased demand, and reducing pressures within services
iBCF reducing pressures on the NHS	City of London Corporation		90	114	To help support intermediate care and CHC processes to facilitate discharge.
iBCF stabilising the care market	City of London Corporation		0	0	-
One Hackney	CCG	54	-	-	
One Hackney	CCG	38	-	-	
Neighbourhood Care Model	CCG	-	40	40	Creation of smaller neighbourhood areas which will become the provider networks for integrated care. All

					<p>community/out of hospital services will be asked to arrange care within these neighbourhoods working closely with the groups of practices within the neighbourhood.</p> <p>A robust business case must be accepted by the workstreams and Transformation Board in order to progress this model</p>
Adult Cardio respiratory Enhanced + Responsive Service (ACERS)	CCG	20	20	20	To provide an early intervention service for those with COPD, with the objective of more people having their condition managed at home, reducing A&E and emergency admissions
Bryning Day unit/Falls Prevention	CCG	13	14	14	The service manages patients at risk of falling, through interactive support and medicines management
Asthma	CCG	3	3	3	Support and develop a robust integrated care pathway to include education and training for general practice in the management of patients with Asthma
Palliative care - Out of hospital service	CCG	20	20	21	To provide high quality specialist palliative care to individuals wishing to remain in their own homes/the community at the end-of-life.

Paradoc	CCG	18	18	19	The service provides an urgent GP and paramedic response service to patients in their own home/care home, reducing unnecessary conveyance to A&E via ambulance.
Adult Community Rehab Team	CCG	78	79	81	To provide specialist rehabilitation to those with a physical or neurological impairment.
Adult Community Nursing	CCG	147	161	164	To provide an integrated, case management service to patients living within the community To improve patient pathway and health and social care outcomes
Total		577	818	875	
Additional funding still to be allocated				6	

13. There is an increased emphasis in the 2017-19 BCF on managing Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOCs) and Local areas have been set challenging targets for reducing the number of beds occupied by a DTOC patient.
14. The City of London Corporation has good performance on DTOCs that are attributed to social care. However in the last year, delays that are attributable to the NHS have increased significantly and these have been in the non-acute sector, mainly mental health. Given the integrated commissioning arrangements, going forward DTOCs will be considered as a system wide issue rather than the responsibility of an individual organisation.
15. The BCF plan includes a specific action plan for tackling DTOCs. The plan includes considering if we can use adaptations, equipment and assistive technology in different ways to support hospital discharge, considering options for intermediate care and working with health partners to improve discharge pathways for people with mental health issues.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

16. Integration fits into the wider corporate objectives of engaging with London and national government on key issues of concern to our communities such as transport, housing and public health, and improving the value for money of our services within the constraints of reduced resources.
17. The integration of health and social care is reflected in the Departmental Business Plan's strategic objective of choice, control and independence.
18. The Government's agenda of promoting integrated care is designed to put the person at the heart of the services they receive, to maximise the opportunity for innovative services, to create a new culture within health and social care and to deliver cost efficiencies.

## **Implications**

### *Financial Implications*

19. The financial implications are set out in the body of the report.

### *Legal Implications*

20. There are no additional legal comments.

### *HR Implications*

21. The proposed schemes for BCF services commissioned by the City of London Corporation are existing schemes and do not come with any HR responsibilities for the City of London. However, if this did arise as a result of the fund, then HR advice on management arrangements would be required.

### *Equalities Implications*

22. A Test of Relevance was carried out on these schemes for the 2016-17 BCF. There have been no significant changes since then and therefore the Test of Relevance is still valid.

## **Conclusion**

23. The BCF plans for 2017-19 were agreed by the Chair of the HWBB in conjunction with the Director of Community and Children's Services and was submitted on 11 September. The full reports are attached for HWBB Member's information.

## **Appendices**

- BCF 2017-19 Narrative Plan

## **Background papers**

<http://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk/documents/s73009/Integrated%20Commissioning%20for%20Health%20and%20Social%20Care.pdf>

<http://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk/documents/s75992/Integrated%20Commissioning%20for%20Health%20Social%20Care.pdf>

[http://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk/documents/s80196/HWB\\_Better%20Care%20Fund\\_Jun-17%20updated.pdf](http://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk/documents/s80196/HWB_Better%20Care%20Fund_Jun-17%20updated.pdf)

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