

Committee(s): Health and Wellbeing Board – for approval	Dated: 29 June 2023
Subject: Better Care Fund End of Year Report 2022/23	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1,2,3,4
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme supports local systems to successfully deliver the integration of health and social care in a way that supports person-centred care, sustainability and better outcomes for people and carers.

The Fund is based on a pooled budget of funding from ICBs and local authorities. Each year local systems have to produce an End of Year Report detailing how BCF plans were met and funding spent.

This End of Year report has to be approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The report was submitted in May as per requirements but is now coming to the Board for formal approval.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Approve the Better Care Fund End of Year Report 2022/23

Main Report

Background

1. The Better Care Fund (BCF) was established in 2013 and encourages integration by requiring ICBs and local authorities to enter into pooled budget arrangements and agree an integrated spending plan.
2. Each organisation has designated funds they have to include in the pooled budget and it is at their discretion whether they add additional funding to the pot.
3. Every year, local systems agree how the money will be spent within criteria set out by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and produce plans in accordance with BCF policy and requirements. A key component of the requirements focus on supporting hospital discharge and out of hospital care.
4. The policy and guidance documents for plans are produced each year but are often published late in the financial year. All plans have to be approved by the local Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and plans for 2023 – 2025 will come to the next HWB in September.
5. Although the plans are submitted after the start of the financial year, local areas are allowed to continue with schemes from the previous year.
6. Local areas are also required to submit an End of Year Report giving detail of spend, impact and delivery of metrics.

Current Position

7. The BCF end of year report for 2022/23 was submitted in May 2023 and requires formal HWB sign off. This is attached at Appendix 1.
8. For 2022/23, the total pooled budget was £1,206,009, consisting of an ICB contribution of £845,259 and a City of London Corporation contribution of £360,750. In November 2022, significant funding for discharge was also added to the BCF pot – a total of £86,165 for the City of London Corporation, increasing the overall budget to £1,292,174.
9. The City of London Corporation schemes in the 2022-23 BCF remained broadly the same to previous years but with some bolstering of the hospital discharge scheme to reflect changing requirements, guidance and services.
10. Of the pooled budget, £328,977 was spent on City of London services (not including iBCF and DFG), above the £154,749 required. The £86,165 was also spent on hospital discharge – a breakdown of that can be seen in tab 7 of the spreadsheet in Appendix 1.
11. The designated four metrics and progress against these are recorded in Tab 4 of the spreadsheet. The first two are provided by health and the final two by adult social care. It is noted that we have excellent performance in relation to keeping people at home and independent for long periods of time and for supporting people when they are discharged from hospital. The metric on

avoidable admissions is difficult for health to produce accurately for the City of London and is therefore under discussion in terms of a target for the next BCF plan.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

The BCF aligns with our corporate priorities of

1. People are safe and feel safe.
2. People enjoy good health and wellbeing.
3. People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.
4. Communities are cohesive and have the facilities they need.

It also sits within a wider strategic context of health and social care integration and policies driving hospital discharge work.

Financial implications

The City of London Corporation only contributes required funding to the pooled budget and does not contribute any additional funding.

In terms of expenditure on schemes within the plan, City Corporation schemes are funded above the minimum required from the pooled budget.

Resource implications

None

Legal implications

None

Risk implications

None

Equalities implications

All schemes which are funded through the BCF and commissioned or delivered by the City of London Corporation are subject to Equality Impact Assessments.

Climate implications

None

Security implications

None

Conclusion

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the end of year report for the BCF 2022/23.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – City of London BCF End of Year Report 2022/23

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