

<b>Committee(s):</b> Health and Wellbeing Board	<b>Dated:</b> 05/07/2024
<b>Subject:</b> Better Care Fund Q4 Return	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	Providing Excellent Services
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Judith Finlay, Executive Director, Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

The Better Care Fund programme supports local systems to 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 Integrated Care Boards and local authorities. Local systems are required to produce plans for the BCF which must be signed off by local Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The plans are governed by a policy framework and requirements set out by the Department of Health and Social These were submitted in June 2023 and received approval from the Department in September 2023.

Quarterly reports on progress of the plans and metrics are required and these must be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board. This report seeks approval for the Q4 Better Care Fund return.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Approve the Better Care Fund Quarter 4 return

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The Better Care Fund (BCF) was established in 2013 and encourages integration by requiring Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and local authorities to enter into pooled budget arrangements and agree an integrated spending plan.
2. 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.
3. City of London Corporation BCF plans were submitted in June 2023 and approved by the DHSC in September 2023.
4. The City Corporation is required to report quarterly on progress with the plans and these progress reports must be approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB).

### **Current Position**

5. For 2023/24, the pooled budget was £1,303,408, consisting of an NHS contribution of £897,282 and a City of London Corporation (City Corporation) contribution of £406,126. This increases for 2024/25 to £1,435,838. The City Corporation does not put in any additional funds.
6. A range of schemes are funded through the BCF and of the pooled budget for 2023/24, £347,597 is being spent on City Corporation Adult Social Care Services (not including the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) and Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)), above the £163,508 required.
7. The BCF Quarter 4 report can be found at Appendix one and sets out progress against certain mandatory conditions and metrics. All the mandatory conditions are met. With regard to the metrics, all were on target apart from avoidable admissions (NHS indicator 2.31) and number of people aged 65+ who were still at home 91 days after hospital discharge – this relates to 16 out of 17 people. In terms of avoidable admissions, this is an improvement on the previous year and requests have been made to get further detailed data on this to really understand the issue.
8. There is a section on expenditure but the pre-populated template only contains schemes where there are designated output measures. However, it is confirmed that for all City of London schemes, the funding is being utilised and will not be overspent.
9. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to approve the return.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

### *Strategic implications*

The BCF aligns with our corporate priorities of:

- Providing Excellent Services

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

### *Financial implications*

The City 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 Corporation are subject to Equality Impact Assessments.

### *Climate implications*

None

### *Security implications*

None

## **Conclusion**

10. The City of London HWBB is asked to approve the BCF Q4 report.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – BCF Q4 report

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