

## HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	Better Care Fund Planning for 2024-25
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The subject matter of this report deals with the following themes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>The wider determinants of health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase employment of people with health problems or disabilities</li> <li>Develop the Council and NHS Trusts as anchor institutions that consciously seek to maximise the health and wellbeing benefit to residents of everything they do.</li> <li>Prevent homelessness and minimise the harm caused to those affected, particularly rough sleepers and consequent impacts on the health and social care system.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Lifestyles and behaviours</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The prevention of obesity</li> <li>Further reduce the prevalence of smoking across the borough and particularly in disadvantaged communities and by vulnerable groups</li> <li>Strengthen early years providers, schools and colleges as health improving settings</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>The communities and places we live in</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realising the benefits of regeneration for the health of local residents and the health and social care services available to them</li> <li>Targeted multidisciplinary working with people who, because of their life experiences, currently make frequent contact with a range of statutory services that are unable to fully resolve their underlying problem.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Local health and social care services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of integrated health, housing and social care services at locality level.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BHR Integrated Care Partnership Board Transformation Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Older people and frailty and end of life      Cancer</li> <li>Long term conditions      Primary Care</li> <li>Children and young people      Accident and Emergency Delivery Board</li> <li>Mental health      Transforming Care Programme Board</li> <li>Planned Care</li> </ul>

## SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the Better Care Fund (BCF) plans for the financial years 2024/25.

The BCF has been established by Government to provide funds to local areas to support the integration of health and social care. It aims to ensure a closer integration between health and social care, putting person centred care and wellbeing at the heart of the decision making process. The BCF is a vital part of both NHS planning and local government planning.

Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 gives powers to local authorities and health bodies to establish and maintain pooled funds out of which payments may be made towards expenditure incurred in the exerciser of prescribed local authority functions and prescribed NHS functions.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Delegate authority to the HWBB Chair to approve the final submission of the BCF Plan 2024/25 to NHS England for submission as required by the guidelines, subject to obtaining approval from the Council and the Havering Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
2. Delegate authority to the HWBB Chair to approve BCF statutory reporting returns each quarter.

## REPORT DETAIL

### Background

Barking Havering and Redbridge CCG's and the north east London Boroughs of Havering, Barking & Dagenham and Redbridge have a strong history of successful collaboration across health and social care, leading to real improvements for our local population driven by the Integrated Care Partnership Board (and the previous Integrated Care Coalition and Urgent Care Boards). We know that the BHR system has significant challenges to tackle including health inequalities; care, quality and financial sustainability; along with a diverse, increasing and highly mobile and in some cases deprived population with unique needs.

### 2024/25 Plan

As a part of this deepening partnership, a wider borough approach to developing our BCF plan for the two-year period covering 2023-25 was created and has previously been approved by the Health & Wellbeing Board. We have updated this plan for 2024-25.

### BHR BCF Governance & Ambitions

Our overarching vision for the Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge places joint plan is to 'Accelerate improved health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge and deliver sustainable provision of high-quality health and wellbeing services.'

- Create an environment that encourages and facilitates healthy and independent lifestyles by enabling and empowering people to live healthily, to access preventive care, to feel part of their local community, to live independently for as long as possible and to manage their own health and wellbeing



- Organise care around the individual's needs, involving and empowering them, integrating across agencies, with a single point of access, and providing locally where possible. It will meet best practice quality standards and provide value for money.
- Ensure organisations work collaboratively, sharing data where appropriate, and maximise effective use of scarce/specialist resources (e.g. economies of scale).
- Remove artificial barriers that impede the seamless delivery of care, bringing together not only health and social care, but a range of other services that are critical to supporting our population to live healthy lives.

### **Joint BHR S75 Agreement and Joint Working**

Overall strategic oversight of partnership working between the Partners is vested in the respective Borough Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The Partners have agreed that the BHR Joint Commissioning Board (JCB) will be responsible for the review of performance and oversight of the partnership agreement. The JCB is a working group of representatives of Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge Councils, NHS North East London and Place. At least one member from each of the Partners has individual delegated responsibility from their host organisation to make decisions which enable the JCB to carry out its duties and functions. In addition, each partner has secured internal reporting arrangements to ensure the standards of accountability and probity required by each Partner's own statutory duties and organisation are complied with.

The BCF programme of schemes are governed through our Joint Commissioning Board, the JCB provides the strategic direction of the development and application of the Better Care Fund across BHR Places. From our BCF 2017-19 plan we developed a joint BHR S75 with the BHR LAs and CCGs (now NHS North East London), which was completed and signed back in July 2018 and is refreshed annually. This sets out the foundation to strengthen the work across the partners to deliver health and care services across the BHR region using the BCF as a key lever for support integration where this brings efficiencies of quality and sustainability. The S75 sets out three 'BCF aligned pooled funds' for each HWB area and Place, and in addition incorporates the option of utilising a fourth 'pot' to facilitate joint pooled commissioning arrangements between partners and across Places.

The JCB consists of representation between the Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge Local Authorities, and NHS North East London. The chair alternates between NHS North East London and local authorities with representation consisting of the respective DASSs, DPHs, NHS North East London Leadership, finance representatives and Commissioner Leads as members of the Board. A BCF Executive group oversee the delivery of the BCF work in including planning, development and monitor spend and performance. A BCF Operations & Finance group supports the work of the BCF Executive Group including developing reports, reviews, finance templates and developing the submission annually. It is exploring opportunities for further development in relation to integrated services and joint commissioning opportunities. We reviewed the s75 Agreement for 2023/24 to reflect the locally agreed risk share and also update the relevant schedules.

## **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

### **Financial implications and risks:**

Any significant decisions arising from this report have or will be subject to normal governance processes within the relevant organisation.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

Any significant decisions arising from this report have or will be subject to normal governance processes within the relevant organisation.

**Human Resources implications and risks:**

Any significant decisions arising from this report have or will be subject to normal governance processes within the relevant organisation.

**Equalities implications and risks:**

Any significant decisions arising from this report have or will be subject to normal governance and impact assessment processes within the relevant organisation.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

BCF 2024-25 Planning Template FINAL

Better Care Fund planning requirements 2023-25

[NHS England » Better Care Fund planning requirements 2023-25](#)

Better Care Fund policy framework 2023 to 2025

[Better Care Fund policy framework 2023 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

National Health Service (Expenditure on Service Integration) Directions

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