

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Subject: Better Care Fund 2023/25

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SUMMARY

The Better Care Fund paper setting out the proposal for the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham (H&F) and the H&F Integrated Care Board (ICB). This will form part of the submission to NHS England following this Health and Wellbeing Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Chair, on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board, agrees the planned total expenditure and the proposed schemes for 2023-25.
 2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board receive an end of year report outlining the outcomes of each scheme and the difference it has made for residents of H&F.
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Wards Affected: All

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Creating a compassionate council	The Better Care Fund supports community health and social care resources to reduce the number of people who need to be admitted to hospital and supporting people to get home as soon as they are well.

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. In accordance with the statutory duties and powers given to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Board's Terms of Reference in Hammersmith & Fulham Council's constitution include overseeing the development and use of the Better Care Fund (BCF) by the Council and the H&F Integrated Care System (ICS).
2. For clarity, the Better Care Fund supports community health and social care resources to reduce the number of people who need to be admitted to hospital. Residents that do require admission to hospital are supported to get home as soon as they are well.
3. The original date set by NHS England for submission of the BCF narrative plan and BCF planning template for 2023 – 2025 was 28 June 2023 which coincided with the sitting of the H&F HWB in that month.
4. H&F were prepared to make a submission on 28 June 2023 but additional reporting requirements from North West London ICB close to the submission date meant the submission date had to be changed to 4 August 2023 when it was submitted following sign off by the chair of HWB.
5. The HWB is asked to retrospectively sign off the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between H&F and NHS North West London, the BCF narrative plan and the BCF planning template for 2023 – 2025.
6. This paper supports the development of the submission to NHS England on how we plan to pool our monies to support joint working over the forthcoming year. The submission is a template submission that has mandated fields for completion by both the ICB and Council. The paper below sets out our approach, areas where we will work jointly, and the governance arrangements to monitor the delivery of the plan in year.
7. Both H&F Council and H&F ICB have committed to completing the template in accordance with the Better Care Fund planning guidance.¹

Finance Comments

8. The Better Care Fund (BCF) proposed plan for 2023-24 is £41,932,973. The breakdown of this is shown in Table A.
9. There is £10.6m less in the 2023-24 BCF than was approved for 2022-23. As part of the BCF review, the Integrated Care Board (ICB), have advised that there are several schemes which from this year, now part of a new Section 75 agreement, (outside of the BCF pool budget). These amounts to a total £1.4m which the lead commissioner of these services is the LA.

¹ Better Care Fund policy framework can be found at [Better Care Fund policy framework 2023 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/better-care-fund)

10. The ICB have confirmed that if they over perform, they will reimburse the Council for the overspend. Over performance would mean actual outturn costs and activity for 2023-24 have been above the level of budget set. The reimbursed in full by the ICB will be within the year end accounting timeframe. The same arrangements will apply to the additional ICB contribution of £4.282m to the pooled fund, as the LA is the lead commissioner for these services.

Table A - Analysis of 2023-24 Better Care Fund Pooled Budgets

Lead Commissioner	Budget Description	Amount £	Sub Total £
ICB	Integrated Care Board (ICB) Minimum Contribution to BCF Pooled Budget 2023-24	9,718,099	
ICB	ICB Minimum Contribution to the LA to protect Social Care	7,445,824	
ICB	ICB Additional Contribution	4,282,523	
ICB	ICB Hospital Discharge Contribution	855,083	
Sub total			<u><u>22,301,529</u></u>
LA	Agreed value of Local Authority (LA) contribution to BCF Pooled Budget 2023-24	6,702,808	
LA	Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF)	10,027,236	
LA	Hospital Discharge Allocation	1,405,803	
LA	Disabled Facilities (DFG)	1,495,597	
Sub Total			<u><u>19,631,444</u></u>
Grand Total			<u><u>41,932,973</u></u>

Sign-off template which will be used for NHS England submission

Local Authority	London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
Clinical Commissioning Groups Hammersmith and Fulham Clinical	Hammersmith and Fulham Clinical Commissioning Group
Date to be agreed at Councillors Members Board:	20 September 2023
Date submitted:	4 September 2023
Minimum required value of ICB contribution to BCF pooled budget: 2023-24	£17,163,923
Agreed value of NHS contribution to BCF pooled budget 2023-24	£5,137,606
Agreed value of LA contribution to BCF pooled budget 2023-24	19,631,444
Total proposed value of pooled budget 2023/24	£41,932,973
Minimum required value of ICB contribution to BCF pooled budget: 2024-25	£18,135,401
Agreed value of NHS contribution to BCF pooled budget 2024-25	£5,137,606
Agreed value of LA contribution to BCF pooled budget 2024-25	£20,827,386
Total indicative value of pooled budget 2024/25	£44,100,393

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Memorandum of Understanding – Between NHS North West London and London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Appendix 2 – Better Care Fund Narrative Plan 2023-2025

Appendix 3 – Better Care Fund Planning Template 2023-2025