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<p>BETTER CARE FUND 2017/18</p>	
<p>Report of the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health and NHS Hammersmith & Fulham CCG</p>	
<p>Open Report</p>	
<p>Classification - For information and decision Key Decision: No</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: All</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress towards developing the Better Care Fund arrangements for 2017/18.
- 1.2 This report also asks that the Board note that it may be necessary to convene an extraordinary meeting in March to agree the final BCF plan if national timescales mean that it is not possible to return to a planned Board meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board note progress towards the development of arrangements for the Better Care Fund 2017/18 and that the national policy framework and planning guidance have not yet been released.
- 2.2 That the Health and Wellbeing Board note that it may be necessary to convene an extraordinary meeting in March to agree the final BCF plan if

national timescales mean that it is not possible to return to a planned Board meeting.

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 3.1. Health and Wellbeing Boards are required to sign off the Better Care Fund Plan for their area.

4. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 4.1. At the time of writing this report, the national policy framework and planning guidance have not yet been released which were expected in November 2016. It is understood that the policy framework will be broadly similar to previous years and that the deadline for the completion of local plans will be March 2017. This delay will mean tight timeframes for developing, approving, and submitting plans and therefore officers from the Council and the CCG have decided to progress with preparation and planning.
- 4.2. The Better Care Fund in 2016/17 supported the development of key projects including the implementation of the refreshed CIS service.
- 4.3. The overarching approach proposed is to build on previous years of the BCF, noting the development of the Hammersmith & Fulham Joint Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Strategy as an important point of reference. There is strong alignment between the ongoing approach to the BCF and the HWB strategy.
- 4.4. In December 2016, officers from the Council and the CCGs asked the Better Care Board to consider a set of draft principles to guide planning discussions about the 2017/18 BCF. The draft principles were discussed and amended, resulting in the principles set out below:

- i. The Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Strategy and Delivery Areas 1,2 and 3 of the NWL STP sets out plans for integrated working. The BCF will support these plans
- ii. We will meet any national BCF conditions within the context of HWB Strategy ambitions
- iii. We spend the fund on protecting and developing services which are integral to achieving the aims and service developments of the HWB Strategy and STP Delivery Areas 1, 2 and 3
- iv. This 2 year agreement will be set within the context of our overall ambitions of increasing joint working and exploring developments such as accountable care meaning that flexibility during the 2 years will be required
- v. We will seek to simplify, align, improve and embed rather than creating new schemes or projects for the BCF
- vi. We use indicator performance trajectories and targets that mirror those being used across the system to ensure a consistent picture of system performance
- vii. High trust, transparent approach and mature system outlook
- viii. Consistency between three boroughs with local flavour
- ix. We agree payment and performance reporting schedules in advance
- x. Set within a context of our ambitions to pool more resources and increase joint commissioning

5. PROPOSAL AND ISSUES

- 5.1 During preparations, analysis of 2016/17 projects has taken place to determine which projects require further development and which are now embedded as business as usual. Using this analysis and the principles above, the following draft framework for our 2017/18 projects has been created to support planning:

A	Embedding the Community Independence Service (CIS)	
B	Joint commissioning developments	i. Low level health tasks and domiciliary care
		ii. Existing S75 best value and alignment assessment
		iii. Domiciliary care & care homes single commissioner
		iv. Mental health
		v. Other opportunities identified
C	Single system performance dashboard and oversight	

- 5.2 To support the delivery of key projects and ensure clear financial arrangements, the following draft financial framework has been developed to support planning discussions:

- a. Protection and development of social care services
- b. Protection and development of NHS community services
- c. Services interfacing with acute services (including CIS, reablement and 7 day working)
- d. Capacity to support key projects e.g. Joint commissioning developments
- e. 2016/17 legacy services

- 5.3 Projects briefs will be drafted for each of the projects. Once national guidance is received including national requirements, conditions and final financial allocations, further planning can take place.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. No consultation has taken place, however the approach proposed to the BCF is aligned with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy which has recently been developed following a period of extensive consultation.

7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. Each project will require an Equality Impact Assessment during development.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. There are no particular legal implications arising from this report.
- 8.2. Implications completed by: Rhian Davies, Chief Solicitor 02076412729

9. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. Although there are no financial implications set out in the report, it should be noted that the Better Care Fund forms an important part of a sustainable social care budget in Hammersmith and Fulham Council and a sustainable budget in the CCG.

- 9.2. Implications verified/completed by: P. Daryanani, Interim Director of ASC Finance, Tel: 0208-753-2523.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
1.	None.		