

<b>Title:</b>	Adult Services – Better Care Fund		
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All		
<b>To:</b>	Health & Wellbeing Board	<b>On:</b>	07 September 2017
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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Integrated and Improved Better Care Fund (BCF) 2017/18-19 has been shared with Torbay and Southern Devon NHS Foundation Trust (the ICO) and signed by the South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Torbay Council. The background is contained in a report previously prepared for the Board (Appendix 1)
- 1.2 The schemes attached to the fund are described in the BCF Planning template (Appendix 2) that, subject to the support of the Board, will be submitted to NHS England for the 11<sup>th</sup> September
- 1.3 The narrative (Appendix 3) accompanying the template is attached describing the approach to the fund and includes details of schemes that have been considered as part of the Improved Better Care Fund, which is funding that falls within the control of the Council.
- 1.4 Whilst sign-off from NHS England is required for the overall schemes, Torbay has already begun to use the funding within its control to make a positive difference and reduce demand and costs whilst improving the experience for people in receipt of care.
- 1.5 The schemes include expansion, development and evolution of the work identified in the High Impact Changes – Managing Transfers of Care review, a summary of which is Appendix 4

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To approve the Better Care Fund arrangements as set out in the attached appendix; and
- 2.2 To endorse the approach to the Improved Better Care Fund.

### 3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a programme spanning both the NHS and local government which seeks to join-up health and care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing, and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.
- 3.2 The BCF has been created to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society, placing them at the centre of their care and support, and providing them integrated health and social care services, resulting in an improved experience and better quality of life.
- 3.3 The financial amounts appear in the appendix being the checklist for the Better Care Fund submission and will be encompassed in the Section 75 agreement that supports the transfer of the fund
- 3.4 Section 75 of the 2006 National Health Services Act gives powers to local authorities and clinical commissioning groups to establish and maintain pooled funds out of which payment may be made towards expenditure incurred in the exercise of prescribed local authority functions and prescribed NHS functions
- 3.5 The targets were agreed in conjunction with the ICO and particular schemes to deliver these include:

Scheme ID	Scheme Name	Scheme Type (see table below for descriptions)	Area of Spend	2018/19 Expenditure (£)
1	Disabled Facilities Grant to Districts	4. DFG - Adaptations	Social Care	£1,738,615
2	Protecting Adult Social Care	16. Other	Social Care	£3,086,827
3	Reablement	16. Other	Community Health	£1,099,475
4	Carers	3. Carers services	Community Health	£476,093
5	Care Bill	16. Other	Social Care	£414,896
6	Other Healthcare/ Reablement/Section 256	16. Other	Community Health	£437,715
7	Integrated Care Organisation	16. Other	Community Health	£5,121,921
8	Reablement	16. Other	Social Care	£51,862
9	Adult Social Care	16. Other	Social Care	£6,149,188

### **3.6 Improved Better Care Fund**

3.6.1 In the spring budget 2017 the chancellor announced additional funding to form the 'Improved Better Care Fund. Significantly this funding comes through the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG). At a Torbay level, it falls within the remit of the local authority's Section 151 officer to sign-off the local spend.

3.6.2 For Torbay, the additional money amounts to:

<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
£3,815,560	£2,366,904	£1,171,936

The specific conditions are as follows:

- Plans to be jointly agreed
- NHS contribution to adult social care is maintained in line with inflation
- Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include 7 day services and adult social care
- Managing Transfers of Care (a new condition to ensure people's care transfers smoothly between services and settings)

### **3.7 Governance**

3.7.1 In the first round of funding all three parties to the Risk Share Agreement in respect of health and care services, have worked together to develop the schemes. These have been considered through the Better Care Fund working group and approved through by the Better Care Fund Board being constituted as part of the Social Care Programme Board/

### **3.8 Submission**

3.8.1 NHS England will approve the overall Better Care Fund plan. Submission will be made once the plan has been approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board. In respect of the Improved Better Care Fund, (iBCF) this will go to NHS England as part of the overall BCF plan, however, the spend decision remains with the council and can be (and are being) enacted immediately.

## **4. Relationship to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

4.1 In an as is situation the demand and costs to the system will increase as evidenced by the JSNA. The transformation that is taking place with the new model of care responds to these challenges and the constant endeavour to improve client and patient experience. Working in an integrated way is key to achieving this.

## **5. Relationship to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

5.1 Preventative and early intervention strategies are contained within the proposals with attention given to initiatives that positively impact on mental health and wellbeing. The BCF narrative describes the response to the overall strategy that the system is providing.

## **6. Implications for future iterations of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and/or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

6.1 No

### **Appendices**

1. BCF report previously prepared for HWBB
2. BCF planning template for submission to NHS England
3. BCF narrative and iBCF Schemes
4. High Impact Changes – Managing Transfers of Care

### **Background Papers:**

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

**Integration and Better Care Fund 2017-2019-** Department of Health, Department for Communities and Local Government, Local Government Association and NHS England  
[http://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/BCF%202017-%202019%20planning%20requirements%20briefing%20slides\\_%20March%202017%20.pdf](http://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/BCF%202017-%202019%20planning%20requirements%20briefing%20slides_%20March%202017%20.pdf)

**2017-19 Integration and Better Care Fund Policy Framework** – Department of Health and Department for Communities and Local Government  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integration-and-better-care-fund-policy-framework-2017-to-2019>