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Title:	Better Care Fund Programme 2016/17
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Wards Involved:	All
Policy Context:	Development of an integrated Better Care Fund Plan is a requirement of the Department of Health and the Department for Communities and Local Government. Funding allocations to the Local Authority and to the local NHS in 2014-16 are dependent on agreement between the parties on the BCF Plan. In addition, the programme of work is consistent with the stated vision and objectives of the partners within the Westminster Health and Wellbeing Board, and is a mechanism for delivering the outcomes and efficiencies required from City For All.
Financial Summary:	The BCF brings together a number of existing funding sources for savings, summarised in Table 1.
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following on from the BCF Quarter 3 report presented to the Board on 9th March this report sets out the process for agreeing the Better Care Fund 2016/17 programme.
- 1.2 In recognition of the emerging NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), the proposal is that the BCF 2016/17 will be a continuation of the 2015/16 programme and will be revised during the course of the year to reflect the requirements of the STP which is not planned to be completed until the Autumn.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Board is asked to note the arrangements for the 2016/17 Better Care Fund.

3. BCF 2016/17: THE NATIONAL CONTEXT

3.1 The Department of Health (DH) and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) have published the local allocations, a detailed policy framework and guidance for the implementation of the Better Care Fund in 2016/17, developed in partnership with the Local Government Association, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services and NHS England.

3.2 For 2016/17 it has been agreed that the BCF planning and assurance process should be integrated as fully as possible with the core NHS operational planning and assurance process and requires the plans to be jointly developed with local government partners, and approved by Health and Wellbeing Boards..

3.3 The policy framework signals the need for stability in 2016/17, and a reduction in the overall planning and assurance requirements on local areas.

3.4 Whilst the policy framework remains stable in 2016/17, local areas are expected to be mindful in developing their plans to ensure linkages with NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans which NHS partners are required to produce in 2016, and the Government's Spending Review requirement to produce a whole system integration plan for 2017. Both planning requirements will require a whole system approach from 2017-20.

4. BCF 2016/17; Planned Schemes

4.1 Locally, across the three boroughs, minimal change in scope and approach in 2016/17 and a roll forward of 2015/16 funding levels is being proposed. With an expectation that it will be revised in year to reflect the Sustainability and Transformation Plan in Autumn 2016.

4.2 NHSE London region have requested from CCGs a narrative document setting out progress to date and future direction for using the BCF to facilitate integration. (Appendix A).

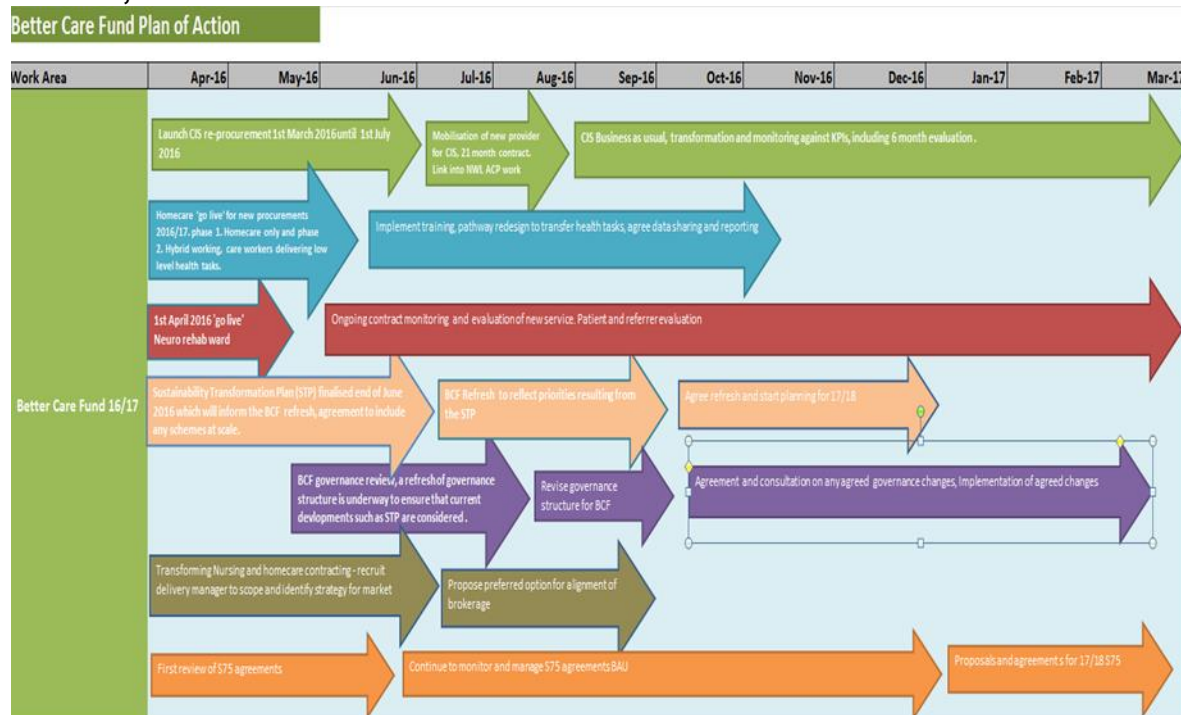
4.3 The schemes set out and approved by Cabinets, Governing Bodies and Health & Wellbeing Boards in 2014 have been updated and are listed in Table 1 and further detail is attached as Appendix B. The scheme areas remain the same, slight changes in 2016/17 in two areas (patient and public engagement and personal health budgets). The aim is to mainstream these as approaches rather than having them as separate projects.

Table 1: Summary of 2016/17 planned BCF Schemes

Ref no.	Scheme	Non recurring Investment (£000s)	New delivery cost (£000s)	Existing Costs (£000s)	Total costs (£000s)
A1	<i>Community Independence Services</i>	2,688	-	17,221	19,909
A2	<i>Community Neuro Rehab Beds</i>	-	2,117	1,562	3,679
A3	<i>Homecare</i>	-	1,600	-	1,600
	- <i>Low level health tasks</i>	-	-	-	-
A4	<i>Integrated Hospital Discharge and 7 Day Working</i>	-	-	938	938
B1	<i>Patient/Service User Experience and Care Planning – including self management and peer support</i>	-	-	200	200
B2	<i>Personal Health and Care Budgets</i>	-	30	20	50
C1/C3	<i>Transforming Nursing and Care Home</i>	-	-	721	721
C2	<i>Review of Jointly Commissioned</i>	-	-	127,062	127,062
D1	<i>Information Technology</i>	-	-	201	201
D2	<i>Information Governance</i>	-	-	-	-
D3	<i>Care Act Implementation</i>	-	-	1,750	1,750
D4	<i>BCF Programme Implementation and Monitoring</i>	-	-	350	350
	<i>Disabled Facility Grant</i>	-	-	2,867	2,867
	TOTAL	2,688	3,747	152,892	159,327

4.4 The summary plan in Table 2 shows a high level timeline of the main milestones to be delivered over the course of the 2016/17 BCF plan. Achievement against this schedule will be closely monitored as part of the BCF Programme Implementation and Monitoring. Appendix C shows further detail of the breakdown across the three CCGs and Local Authorities.

Table 2; Better Care Fund Plan of Action



4.5 None of the above precludes us from making changes to the BCF and planning is already underway for the BCF in 2017/18 and beyond; however the narrative document has been shared with NHSE London region with the aim of starting the financial year with clarity about the size and scope of the fund.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the Health and Wellbeing Board has a duty to make it easier for health and social care services to work together. Section 3 of the Care Act places the Local Authority under a duty to carry out its care and support functions in a way that promotes integrating services with those of the NHS or other health-related service. The Better Care Programme as outlined in this report discharges those duties.

6. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

6.1. In total across the three boroughs, the BCF plan for 2016/17 proposes a budget of £159,327m, which reflects existing pooled budgets or jointly commissioned services, as well as additional investment. In addition Health cost pressures of up to £3m have been identified, this will be risk managed and reviewed through governance processes in year. Mitigating actions will be taken to manage these cost pressures but it may be necessary to offset these against the wider S75 agreements. BCF in 2016/17 ensures that the three boroughs receive funding for the Care Act (£1.75m), investment costs of the new Community Independence Service (£2.7m) and it protects social care by continuing to pass through the

Social Care to Benefit Health funding, currently worth £14.2m across the three boroughs. Further there is £1.6m of home care investment but this is subject to internal CCG governance processes.

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APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Three boroughs (3B) Better Care Fund Plan for 2016/17

Appendix B: Summary of 2016/17 planned BCF Schemes

Appendix C: BCF 16-17 Plan - Three Boroughs Summary