

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> December 2023</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Warwick Tomsett</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>Better Care Fund Update 2023-25</b></p>	

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<p><b>Wards affected</b></p>	<p>All wards</p>

## Executive Summary

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is aimed at bringing together health and social care organisations to plan, fund and commission integrated services.

The BCF Policy Framework sets out four national conditions that all BCF plans must meet. These are:

1. A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. Plan for enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer and provide the right care in the right place at the right time
3. Provide the right care in the right place at the right time
4. Maintaining NHS's contribution to adult social care and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services.

The Tower Hamlets two-year BCF plan was signed off in July 2023 and it was agreed to review the plan during 2023-2024.

This paper provides an update on the review.

## Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note the update.

### 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

No decision required

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

None

## **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

Slides attached

## **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The Better Care Fund is focussed on integrating health and social care services to better support people with a diverse range of illnesses and conditions. These include people with mental health problems, people at risk of being admitted to hospital and people being discharged from hospital with appropriate support. It also funds Reablement which supports people to learn or relearn skills necessary for daily living following ill-health or disability; the adaptation of the domestic accommodation of people with disabilities to enable them to live at home, and the training of staff in the use of assistive technology.

As the Better Care Fund is used to fund a number of schemes across health and social care, equalities issues are picked up within each of these individual schemes.

## **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

The Better Care Fund is concerned with achieving best value in the health and social care economy, by ensuring that services are provided most appropriately across the system and that the allocation of resources supports efficiency improvements, as well as better outcomes for service users. It also seeks to reduce the historic problem of financial savings in one sector being achieved at the expense of additional costs in the other, through better joint planning and shared priorities

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – BCF Presentation slides

#### **Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report**

- None

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