

REPORT TO:	HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD 19 January 2022
SUBJECT:	Better Care Fund 2021-22
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ORIGIN OF ITEM:	
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	In order to ensure that the governance is completed, we now wish to complete approval by bringing the BCF plan 2021-22 to Health and Wellbeing Board for ratification.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This document sets out Croydon's Better Care Fund Plan for 2021-22
- 1.2 The Board has the opportunity to discuss the contents within the report.

2. BETTER CARE FUND PLAN

2.1 The Better Care Fund

The proposed plan is attached at **Appendix 1**.

2.2 Summary

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and local government to agree a joint plan, owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). These are joint plans for using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).

Given the ongoing pressures in systems from COVID-19, there were minimal changes made to the BCF in 2021 to 2022. The 2021 to 2022 Better Care Fund policy framework build on progress during the COVID-19 pandemic,

strengthening the integration of commissioning and delivery of services and delivering person-centred care, as well as continuing to support system recovery from the pandemic

The accompanying plan, which has been jointly created by Health & Social Care and was signed off by the One Croydon Senior Executive Group in November 2021, was unable to be completed in a more planned way at the start of the year due to the late guidance provided by the NHS. As such partners have been put into a situation where we have been unable to seek approval for the plan from the Health and Wellbeing Board in line with current scheduled meetings before the plan was required to be submitted.

Hence approval by the chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board was sought and provided on the 16th December 2021, in order to obtain the sign-off required for award of the Better Care Fund plan before the next board meeting on 19th January 2022.

In order to ensure that the governance is completed, we now wish to complete approval by bringing this to Health and Wellbeing Board for ratification.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Board is recommended ratify the Better Care Fund Plan.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDIX 1: Better Care Fund Plan Report