

<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>	<b>DATE</b> 25 June 2024	<b>ITEM NO</b> 8
<b>TITLE</b> Better Care Fund – Plans for 2024-25	<b>WARD(S)</b> All	
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> Director of Health and Adult Services	<b>CABINET MEMBER</b> Health, Adult Social Care and Borough of Sanctuary	

## 1. Purpose of the Report

The Board is requested to:

- 1.1. Receive a verbal presentation on the plans for the use of Better Care Fund monies for 2024-25 in support of the health and care system in Greenwich.
- 1.2. Note the plans and seek any clarification on their content or on how they will be implemented and monitored through the year.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme supports local systems to successfully deliver the integration of health and social care in a way that supports person-centred care, sustainability and better outcomes for people and carers.
- 2.2. Locally, the programme spans both the NHS and local government 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.
- 2.3. Launched in 2015, the programme established pooled budgets between the NHS and local authorities, aiming to reduce the barriers often created by separate funding streams. The pooled budget is a combination of contributions from the following areas:

- 2.3.1. minimum allocation from integrated care systems (ICSs)
  - 2.3.2. disabled facilities grant – local authority grant
  - 2.3.3. social care funding (improved BCF) – local authority grant
  - 2.3.4. winter pressures grant funding £240 million – local authority grant.
- 2.4. Each year, local health and care partners update their plans and agree how the BCF funds will be used for the year ahead.
- 2.5. Health and Wellbeing Boards have responsibility for overseeing their local BCF plans.

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