

Bury Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of the Report	Update in respect of The Improved Better Care Fund Grant
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1. Executive Summary

Is this report for?	Information	Discussion	Decision
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Why is this report being brought to the Board?	For information and discussion.		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities the report relates to. (See attached Strategy) www.theburydirectory.co.uk/healthandwellbeingboard	This report relates to a number of the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities but in particular it relates to priorities 3 and 4.		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment priorities the report relates to. (See attached JSNA) http://jsna.theburydirectory.co.uk/kb5/bury/jsna/home.page	This report is crosscutting and therefore relates to a number of the JSNA priorities.		
Key Actions for the Health and Wellbeing Board to address – what action is needed from the Board and its members? Please state recommendations for action.	This report is for information and discussion.		
What requirement is there for internal or external communication around this area?	Internal and external communication needs to be agreed, consistently applied and shared with all relevant partners, stakeholders, customers and Lead Councillors / Officers.		
Assurance and tracking process – Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG Board/other stakeholders....please provide details.	The content of this report has been discussed with CCG colleagues. It is also due to be tabled at the next Transformation Programme Management Group in July 2017.		

2. Introduction / Background

The Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) Grant is a Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) grant paid to Bury council (In monthly instalments) for the specific purposes of:

- Meeting Adult Social Care Needs
- Reducing Pressures on the NHS (Including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they're ready)
- Ensuring the local social care provider market is supported

The Government has made it clear that part of this funding is intended to enable local authorities to quickly provided stability and extra capacity into the local care systems. Local authorities are therefore able to spend the grant (including to commission care) as soon as plans for spending the grant have been locally agreed with the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The CCG locally are actively involved in agreeing the Better Care Fund plan.

The Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) is made up of two constituent parts:

Improved Better Care Fund confirmed at the Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18

Additional Funding for Adult Social care announced at the March Budget 2017

Note: The funding confirmed at the Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18 is **recurrent** (i.e. remains in the base budget for future years). However, the additional funding announced in the March Budget 2017 is **one off** (i.e. will be stripped out of future year budgets)

The amount of IBCF grant to be paid to Bury council in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 is shown below.

	£'000			Notes:
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
Improved Better Care Fund	270	2,939	5,704	Recurrent
Additional funding for Adult Social Care	3,577	2,324	1,154	One Off
Total	3,847	5,263	6,858	

1. key issues for the Board to Consider

The following section provides a strategic overview of how Bury council proposes to utilise the IBCF grant for 2017/18 and beyond. The proposals below are in line with grant conditions and are reflective of how other LA areas also intend to utilise the funding.

However, detailed performance measures and a wider understanding of supporting effective discharge still need to be worked through system wide with colleagues in the NHS, both community and NHS providers. As per the request from the GM Health & Social Care Partnership.

Note: Where possible (and to provide context) the 2017/18 cost impact values have been provided.

Areas where the IBCF resource will focus:

1.Support growing demand (in complexity and service user numbers) for local authority funded care and support.

The table below details the estimated cost impact to the councils' Care in the Community budget regarding the structural budget deficit and demographic (local) pressures.

Pressure	2017/18 Additional Cost Impact to Council budget (£000)
Historical demand within the Care in The Community Budget	2,000
Demographic pressure on Social Care	1,000
Total	3,000

2. Building resilience & capacity within the social care workforce.

An example of how this funding is being used to build resilience and capacity within the workforce is the development of the Reviewing Team (6 month Pilot).

Pressure	2017/18 Additional Cost Impact to Council budget (£000)
Reviewing Team	200
Total	200

The purpose of the Independent Reviewing Team is to carry out customer reviews in a person centred, needs led, objective manner. The Reviewing Team completes Annual Support Plan Reviews of commissioned and Direct Payment Domiciliary Care Packages, as well as 6-8 week reviews in the event of an unplanned change in circumstance. The development of the team coincides with the introduction of Statutory Care Act guidance places an expectation on councils to review Support Plans “no later than every 12 months”.

As outlined in the Care Act Guidance promotion of wellbeing involves actively seeking improvement in customer experience, emotional and physical wellbeing. A robust approach to reviewing individual levels of need is essential in meeting such requirements. In addition to the principle of promoting wellbeing, another key principle which local authorities must have regard to is ‘the importance of preventing or delaying the development of needs for care and support and the importance of reducing needs that already exist’. Effective intervention at the right time can prevent escalation and promote and extend independence.

The one off 2017/18 Adult Social Care Support Grant¹ is being utilised to ensure the adult social care operations workforce has the capacity to maintain a high quality of service delivery and also mitigates the risk of potential reductions in workforce capacity. However, this funding is solely for 2017/18 and therefore there is an expectation that the IBCF grant may be used to support future workforce resilience and capacity issues.

Pressure	2018/19 Onwards
Maintaining adult social care workforce capacity	820
Total	820

3 . Support a new model of domiciliary care delivery focussing on flexibility and a person centred approach.

Providers will work with customers to agree a more flexible, person centred approach based on the individuals needs and agreed hours over a four week period. This new delivery model will also incorporate contingency hours to enable care to be delivered over and above the agreed care plan in times of crisis and would reduce the burden on Assessment & Care Management teams. This flexible approach will create additional capacity within the Care at Home market, to support effective discharge from hospital as well as supporting people more effectively in the community.

¹ The Adult Social Care Support Grant is not new money and is instead a reallocation of existing New Homes Bonus funding already earmarked for councils.

4. The Duty of Market Management for Social care, including consideration of fee levels

The council has a statutory duty under the Care Act 2014 to manage effectively the social care market, including understanding and supporting the financial sustainability of providers. Significant pressures for providers include; pressures around National Living Wage and legislation for sleep in rate for night staff etc. Whilst pressures around living wage have been met through Council Tax Precept some financial pressure is being met through this additional IBCF. This amounts to approximately £600k.

The table below provides a summary of the cost impact of 2017/18 provider fee increase regarding Supported Living.

Additional investment will also be targeted at market management, capacity creation and to support the pressure caused by delayed discharges, unplanned hospital admissions and reduced delayed transfers of care apportioned to social care.

4. Recommendations for action

It is recommended that the Bury Health and Wellbeing Board agrees in principle to Bury councils planned spending intentions regarding the Improved Better Care Fund highlighted in section 3 above.

5. Financial and legal implications (if any) If necessary please seek advice from the Council Monitoring Officer (J.M.Hammond@bury.gov.uk) or Section 151 Officer Steve Kenyon (S.Kenyon@bury.gov.uk).

Financial

Bury Council must maintain a sound system of internal financial controls. Bury Council has robust financial oversight of these matters and as such systems are in place to ensure that no financial irregularity occurs.

6. Equality/Diversity Implications. Please attach the completed Equality and Analysis Form if required.

N/A

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