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1. Executive Summary

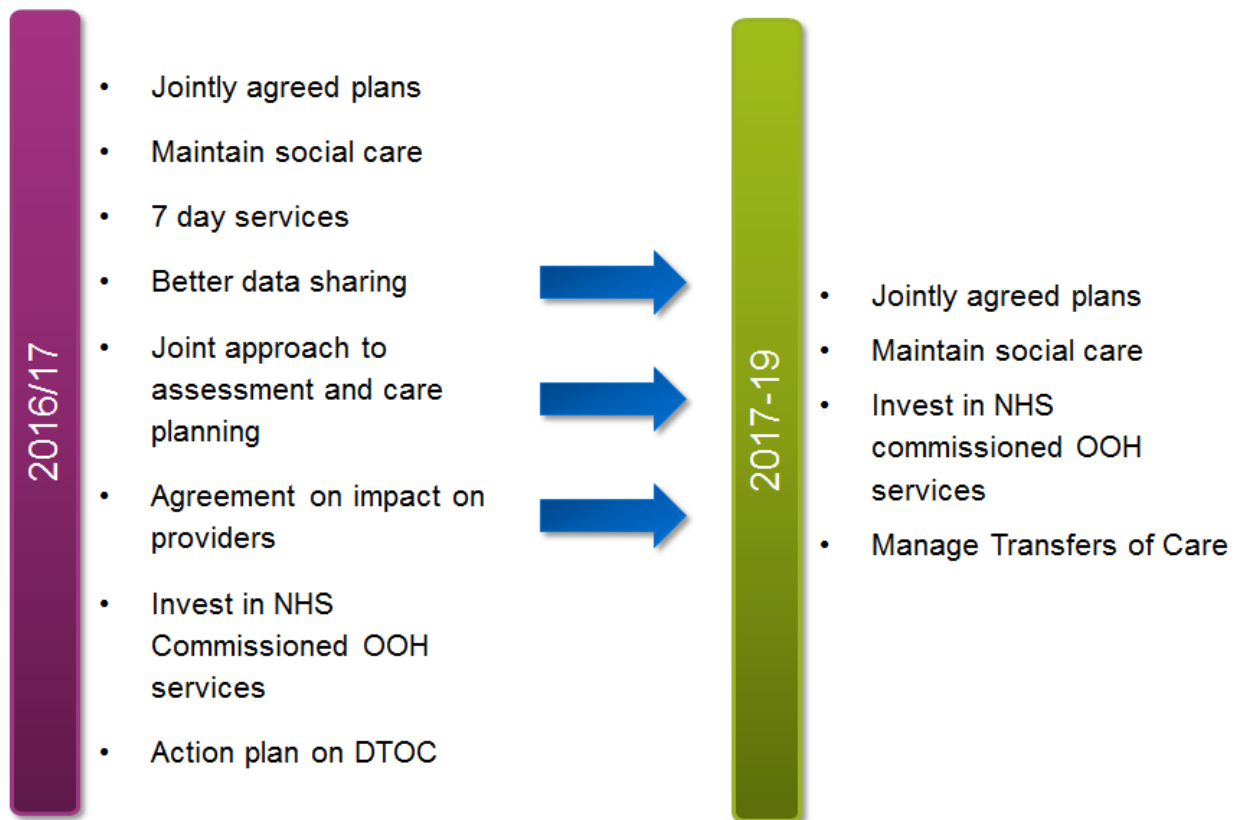
1.1 This report provides an update on the development of the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2017-19 and an update on the delivery of the BCF Plan 2016/17. Delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan is an important mechanism by which the HWB fulfils its statutory duty to promote integrated ways of working and deliver a sustainable health and care system that is fit for the future.

Development of BCF Plan 2017-19

1.2 The national planning guidance has not yet been released and so while work on a draft plan for 2017-19 is underway this cannot yet be finalised or presented to the Board at this time.

1.3 Currently it is anticipated that the final guidance will be published in June and work to finalise the draft plan will take six to eight weeks following this. Once it is complete the plan will be presented for consideration and agreement by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

- 1.4 In the meantime discussions have taken place between the Tri Borough Council's and the three CCGs to agree an appropriate apportionment of BCF Funds. Work is still underway to agree an apportionment of funds for the period up to 30 June 2017. Work will then take place to finalise a long term financial arrangement and this will take place in parallel to completing the Better Care Fund Plan.
- 1.5 While the national planning guidance has not been finalised, the BCF Policy Framework guidance has been released by Central Government and this indicates that in future the BCF plan will be required to focus on fewer key priorities as set out below. It also indicates that the next BCF Plan will be required to span a period of two years – 2017-19, rather than a single year which has previously been the case.



- 1.6 The reduction in the number of priorities has been welcomed by all parties across the Tri Borough and should make agreement of the final plan easier.

Delivery of BCF Plan 2016/17

1.7 Each quarter there is a requirement to submit an update on progress with delivery of the existing BCF Plan. The update for the final quarter of 2016/17 has been produced and this notes the extensive consultation and engagement exercise with residents, patients, and stakeholders to understand local priorities, leading to the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) 2016-21. The JHWS sets out the joint ambitions and priorities of the CCGs and Local Authority for population health and wellbeing and the health and care commissioning priorities of both organisations going forward.

1.8 It also notes the JHWS was developed alongside the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for North-West London and aligns closely with the ambitions in that plan. The JHWS provides a mechanism to facilitate the implementation of the STP at a local level.

1.9 The quarterly submission also noted the good progress made against the 13 agreed schemes which constitute the BCF Plan 2016/17.

2. Key Matters for the Board

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

A. Note the actions and progress made

3. Legal Implications

3.1 N/A

4. Financial Implications

4.1 Work continues to agree detailed financial arrangements for 2017/19.

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