

	<u>Agenda Item: 11b</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	4th July 2017
TITLE:	DEMENTIA FUNDING IN THE BETTER CARE FUND (BCF)
Organisation	BCC and CCG's
Presenting Officer	Margaret Ashton-Gray/Mary Latter

Report Type:	Decision
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1. Purpose:
To seek approval from the Health & Wellbeing Board for BCF Commissioning Executive Boards' recommendation to move the current 3 rd sector commissioned services specifically for Dementia support to the BCF to allow matched funding and maintain the current services.

2. Implications:		
BHWP Strategy Priorities	Child Health	N
	Vulnerable People	Y
	Systems Resilience	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Y
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		Y
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		
Financial		Y
Patient and Public Involvement		N
Early Intervention		Y
Prevention		N

3. Recommendation
The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the transfer of budgets from BCC to the BCF Pooled Fund, where they will be matched funded to provide a similar level of support to previous years.

4. Background

4.1 In March 2016 Birmingham City Council proposed to transfer, recurrent funding for previously City Council commissioned dementia specific services, to a ring fenced Section 75 pooled budget for Dementia to be held under the Birmingham Better Care Fund. The cost of these services was £95k, and they were/ are provided by the Alzheimers Society. Transfer from the beginning of April 2016 was proposed. This sum represented the cost of the service after a 50% reduction had been applied at the end of March 2016 and the Birmingham Better Care Fund undertook to 'match fund' (including any annual uplifts) the city council contribution in order to maintain the service. The services deliver one to one support for people with dementia and their carers and dementia and memory cafes across the city and its provision is seen as critical to the dementia pathway in Birmingham.

4.2 National Context

The first ever national Dementia Strategy (Living Well with Dementia) was launched by the Department of Health in February 2009. Its focus was to improve the lives of people living with dementia and to invest in a network of memory clinics, improve support for people affected by the condition and launch major public awareness campaigns.

The Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia was launched In March 2012. This focused on delivering major improvements in [dementia care](#) and [research](#) by 2015. The three champion groups were set up to focus on the main areas for action: driving improvements in *health and care*, creating [dementia-friendly communities](#) and *improving dementia research*.¹

March 2016 saw the launch of the 2020 Challenge and Implementation Plan setting out more than 50 specific commitments, across four core themes of risk reduction, health and care, awareness and social action, and research.

4.3 Local Context

In 2014, the Birmingham & Solihull Dementia strategy (2014/17) was developed in Partnership between the local authorities, CCGs, NHS Trusts and Citizens. The Strategy covers five main parts of the dementia pathway:

1. Prevention & Health Promotion
2. Recognition & Identification
3. Assessment & Diagnosis
4. Living Well with Dementia
5. Increasing Care (including End of Life Care)

The Maximising the Independence of Adults agenda also sets plans to reduce the increasing demand for complex services against significant financial gaps.

Citizens with dementia can cost the Health and Social Care system £8.8billion².

5. Compliance Issues

5.1 Strategy Implications

This will continue to be funded via the joint arrangement of the BCF pooled fund.

5.2 Governance & Delivery

The funding will form part of the BCF Governance arrangements, any changes to the funding will need to be recommended by the BCF Commissioning Executive to the health and Wellbeing Board for decision

5.3 Management Responsibility

This funding will be part of the joint arrangements between the Birmingham CCG's and Birmingham Local Authority

6. Risk Analysis

None

Appendices

Signatures

**Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board
(Councillor Hamilton)**

Date:

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:

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