

# EXTERNAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

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**Appendix A:** Better Care Fund Performance Report (Oct-Dec 2015)  
**Appendix B:** Draft Better Care Fund Plan 2016-17

## REASON FOR ITEM

This report is intended to establish whether the External Services Scrutiny Committee has any comments in relation to the Better Care Fund Plan 2016-17 and what this means for residents, the Council and its partnership with the local NHS.

## OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

1. To note the contents of the report and the appendices.
2. To question officers on the content.
3. To make comment on the draft Better Care Fund Plan 2016-17.

## INFORMATION

### Background

1. The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national initiative intended to deliver integration between health and social care in order to improve outcomes for residents. The key objectives of this initiative are that:
  - Individuals with care needs receive more joined up care;
  - That the independence of residents is maximised or maintained through better prevention and early intervention;
  - Scarce resources are used more effectively; and
  - There are joint plans with agreed priorities to achieve a greater positive impact for local people.
2. The BCF is a mechanism that is being used by the Government to implement the new integration duty under the 2014 Care Act, which came into effect on 1 April 2015. The BCF does not provide new money for Hillingdon; it is about creating efficiencies through integration to ensure that existing funding is used more effectively.
3. The Hillingdon Health and Wellbeing Board will consider the draft Better Care Fund Performance Report (Appendix A) and the Better Care Fund Plan 2016/2017 (Appendix B) at its meeting on 12 April 2016. The External Services Scrutiny Committee is being asked to comment on the proposed Plan.