



**OFFICIAL DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY  
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The Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care have made the following decision today:

1.	<p><i>THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE</i></p> <p><i><b>BETTER CARE FUND SECTION 75 AGREEMENT</b></i></p> <p><b>DECISION: <u>FULL APPROVAL</u></b></p> <p><b>That the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Approved the variation to the 2019/20 Better Care Fund agreement between the London Borough of Hillingdon and Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group under section 75 of the National Health Service Act, 2006, as described in the report;</b></li><li><b>2. Approved a variation to the contract between the London Borough of Hillingdon and Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust for the Integrated Therapies for Children and Young People Service to include provision for a Speech and Language Therapist in the Youth Justice Service at an annual cost of £70k; and</b></li><li><b>3. That following the receipt of additional information, that the agreement include an additional £30k contribution from the HCCG in respect of scheme 4, the Covid Hospital discharge scheme, which increases the total value of the agreement to £103,457k from £103,427k.</b></li></ol> <p><b>REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS MADE</b></p> <p>The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a mandatory process through which Council and Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group (HCCG) budgets are pooled and then reallocated on the basis of an approved plan intended to achieve closer integration of health and social care activities. This is intended to lead to improved outcomes for residents. The BCF is also a route through which the Government targets funding to support the local health and care system.</p> <p>The focus of Hillingdon's 2020/21 Better Care Fund plan is improving care outcomes for older people, people with learning disabilities and/or autism and children and young people. The Council and HCCG are required to enter into an agreement under section 75 of the National Health Service Act, 2006 to give legal effect to the financial arrangements within the plan.</p>	<p><i>Tony Zaman, Corporate Director Adults, Children &amp; Young People Services</i></p> <p><i>Gary Collier, Social Care</i></p>
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	<p>Upon receipt of additional information, the Leader and Cabinet Member also agreed to include within the fund an additional £30k contribution from the Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group to support early discharge from hospital and admission prevention.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b></p> <p>The Leader and Cabinet Member could decide not to enter the agreement with HCCG for 2020/21 but this is not recommended as it would impact on the availability of £19,401k NHS funding to support the local health and care system, including £7,074k to protect adult social care.</p> <p>The Leader and Cabinet Member could decide not to agree to the variation. As the proposal will enable the Council to comply with national guidance and address evidence from studies that show the link between the number of people in criminal justice system relating to behavioural issues associated with speech and language difficulties, this is not recommended.</p> <p><b>FURTHER INFORMATION</b></p> <p><i>The detailed report relating to this decision is available to view <a href="#">here</a>.</i></p>	
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## DECISION AUTHORITY & IMPLEMENTATION

Where required, these decisions have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

These decisions, unless called in, will come into effect from 5pm on Friday 26 March 2021.

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