

I am writing to clarify the response previously given. The Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund are ring-fenced for Adult Social Care and the funds received are only ever applied against the expenditure on Adult Social Care. For example, the Council's share of the Better Care Fund in 2018/19 was £13.5m but budgeted expenditure on Adult Social Care was £90m.

The Council's externally audited Statement of Accounts include information on the total expenditure of the Better Care fund (including the improved better care fund) as part of the note on Pooled Budgets.

Below is an excerpt from the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts. The Statement of Accounts for the financial years you have requested information on, are available to view on the following link:

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/your-council/transparency-in-brent/performance-and-spending/budgets-and-finance/how-we-spend-your-money?tab=annualaccounts>

18/19 accounts

	Mental Health	Occupational Therapy	The Better Care Fund	Integrated Rehabilitation & Reablement Service
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Funding: LB of Brent	(0.2)	(0.5)	(13.5)	(0.9)
NHS Brent CCG	0.0	(0.6)	(21.1)	0.0
LNWUNT	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.1)
CNWLNFT	(0.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Funding	(0.4)	(1.1)	(34.6)	(2.0)
Expenditure	0.4	1.7	34.6	1.9
2018/19 Net Overspend/(Underspend)	0.0	0.6	0	(0.1)