
Health and Wellbeing Board

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Report of: Jamaila Hussain Corporate Director of Adults and Integration

£500m Adult Social Care Discharge Funds Update:

Summary

1. This paper provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the allocation of the Adult Social Care discharge funds. The Better Care Delivery Group has led on this to ensure that all partners across the system have been involved in putting forward schemes that focus on discharge and flow.
2. The application of funds is ring fenced to schemes that focus on discharge only rather than admission avoidance and the BCF Delivery Group convened a number of extraordinary meetings to ensure a single agreed approach using current data and performance metrics.
3. This item was received late due to

Background

4. Earlier in 2022 additional £500m funds by the Government were made available in recognition the pressure all councils were facing within Adult Social Care in terms of financial sustainability, workforce sustainability, market sustainability and social care reform implementation. Alongside this the additional introduction of a CQC assurance process commencing in April 2023.
5. There has been a delay in monies being allocated whilst further national discussions were held regarding to the administration of the funds and further health negotiations.
6. This resulted in a change in the initial allocation to council and a shift in the administered and split the funds at ICS and Council level. 60% of the funding has been made available to the ICS and 40% directly to Councils, the table below shows the funds available

on a place footprint. However, the fund requirement is still to support adult social care to discharge patients out of hospital alongside health, voluntary and community partners.

ICS York Place	£1,006,902
City of York Council	£609,834

Main/Key Issues to be Considered

7. The criteria set for the use of the fund is quite descriptive and focusses primarily on the supporting discharges out of the Acute Hospital Trust. The criteria sets out a BCF approach that recognises the support of a wider system to ensure that people are discharged from hospital in a timely way.
8. Several workshops have been held by NHSE/I and the BCF National Team to ensure systems understand the use of the monies and specific support to adult social care is embedded as part of the delivery of the fund.
9. The BCF Deliver Group has met several times and agreed a BCF system plan that will support discharge of patients out of hospital into the most appropriate care setting.
10. Although the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund constrained the use of the fund only to use for discharge. The BCF Delivery Group are committed to supporting the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy (HWBB) as well as meeting the HICM set out in the BCF plan 22/23, and this is clearly reflected in the plan outlined in the table below.
11. A home first week also took place mid November this week enable a specific focus on what challenges are there within the trust and with partners to delays in discharge and patients returning home. The Adult Social Care Discharge Schemes put forward are also in conjunction with the learning from this week led by Anita Griffiths, social care leads, housing and health.
12. The attached return in Appendix 1 highlights a list of schemes in place.

Schemes

13. Community In-reach Discharge Team. This is a multi-disciplinary team complete with therapy, social work, mental health, and liaison services. This service will in-reach in the hospital to expediate discharges. Data shows that most patients on pathways one and two take between 5/8 days to discharge and for some of the time in hospital can considerably increase if this window is not achieved. The in-reach team will look to reducing the discharge time to between 1-5 days depending on complexity. To ensure this scheme is successful the delivery group have underpinned this with several care and support schemes identified within table above.
14. Extension of additional 400 hrs of Rapid Response Home Care. This scheme is currently in place and is working well supporting the 'early discharge of patients' home within 24 hrs of referral.
15. Voluntary Sector Supported Discharge. This scheme will provide additional transport, pop in visits and safe at home arrival, this ensures homes are warm, shopping completed, and the person is settled in once discharged.
16. Local Area Co-ordination to be part of the MDT in-reach team, this will support early discharge home with community oversight.
17. Community Response Team additional care at home support complimenting rapid response but support individuals with higher care needs of 4 plus double call a day. Initially supporting 4 patients on a rolling basis 22/23 moving to 8 in 23/24. This service will link closely with reablement, brokerage and rapid response ensuring flow.
18. Additional OT support into reablement to support flow in the provision this has been a tested model and alongside the commissioner have significantly reduced reablement waits from 53 to 3.
19. Time to Think Beds, there are several patients who require further assessment however are self-funders, these beds will allow patients the opportunity to be assessed and allow long-term decision-making time.

20. Step Down Beds, additional 7 beds to support further step down and assessment to ensure longer term decisions are made in a timely way.
21. TEWV: Awaiting further information
22. Additional support to alcohol services to support early discharge and reduce LoS for people with complex needs.

All schemes outline a targeted approach to discharges. The MDT will support earlier in-reach ensuring patients who are ready for discharge are moved out of an acute setting as quickly as possible and additional provision will ensure flow and patients are supported with the right care at the right place. So schemes are likely to change as further guidance is released.

Options

23. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the report. Agreement of schemes have been reached outside of the board due to timescales and 16th December deadline for submission. All partners engaged with the BCF Delivery Group have had an opportunity to be engaged in the process.
24. The DASS and S151 Officer have delegated HWBB authority to sign off the schemes before the next HWBB.

Governance

25. There are two national templates that will have to be completed and returned to BCF National Team and NHSE/I fortunately, additional funds have been made available for administration. Updates will be provided to partners at the regular system meeting held every Friday as well as the York Health and Care Partnership and HWBB

Strategic/Operational Plans

26. The List of schemes can be found in section 1. The schemes outlined for the purpose of the report are highlighted in white. The other schemes provide an outline of other initiatives supporting discharge and admission avoidance.

Implications

27. This report is an update on previous BCF report and there are no significant implications.

28. Financial

Further discussion are being held with North Yorkshire to ensure that previous schemes funded at risk are appropriately costed and attributable to each organisation. For example, the Overdene beds are only utilised as an 80/20 split and therefore the York place contribution will be on a proportionate basis.

- **Human Resources (HR)**

N/A

- **Equalities**

The BCF Plan ensure equally access to all individual meeting the criteria.

- **Legal**

N/A

- **Crime and Disorder**

N/A

- **Information Technology (IT)**

Work to commence to ensure capture of discharge information is correct

- **Property**

N/A

- **Other**

N/A

Risk Management

29. The situation is quite challenging, and all schemes will be monitored weekly to ensure flow out of the acute setting.

Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- i. Ratify the allocation of the Adult Social Care discharge funds
- ii. Note the contents of the report
- iii. Note that updates will be provided to the partnership monthly

Reason: To keep the Board updated on the allocation of the Adult Social Care discharge funds.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Appendixes:

Appendix A - Adult Social Care Discharge Fund 2022-23 First Activity Reporting Template

Glossary

HWBB: Health and Wellbeing Board
BCF: Better Care Fund
LoS: Length of Stay
DASS: Director of Adult Social Services