

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

26th January 2023

Subject: Update on use of the BCF Adult Social Care Discharge Fund.

Executive Summary

The Wiltshire locality has been granted approval for proposed schemes to support hospital discharges during the winter period December 2022- March 2023. The 'Adult Social Care Discharge Funding' of £4,265,220 is a pooled fund, governed under the existing Section 75 agreement.

NHS England guidance is clear that funds are to be prioritised on those schemes most likely to increase the efficiency of hospital discharges and support acute settings during a time of extreme pressure.

The schemes within Wiltshire locality were developed in partnership with health colleagues and most schemes are now mobilised and demonstrating an increase in capacity to support discharges. The schemes are varied and take a multi-faceted approach to supporting discharges, including staff retention, the purchase of additional capacity, work to release existing roles to focus on discharge etc.

We will continue to monitor outcomes and spend through the required fortnightly reporting to NHS England.

Proposal(s)

It is recommended that the Board:

- i) Notes the allocation, spend and regular monitoring of the BCF winter discharge funds.

Reason for Proposal

On the 18th of November, NHS England announced additional funding to support the health system over the winter period. The following funds were allocated and transferred into a pooling arrangement, governed by our existing section 75 agreement.

LA Allocation	£1,519,220
ICB Allocation	£2,746,000
Total	£4,265,220

The funding can be used flexibly on interventions that best enable the discharge of patients from hospital. It is prioritised for spend on approaches that are most effective at freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds and identifies discharge to assess (D2A) and home care as effective options for discharging more people in a safe and timely manner.

The schemes were agreed by health and council colleagues and submitted according to NHS England guidance on the 16th of December. They have recently been approved (see appendix A).

The following schemes are approved.

Scheme	Funding
In-reach services to acute hospitals (2)	£626,000
Front line staff incentive schemes	£778,000
Additional social care practitioners in reablement service	£109,000
Complex needs SPOT beds	£1,323,000
Care market provider support	£500,000
Mental health flow coordination	£178,000
Increase capacity in Intensive Enablement Service	£59,000
VCS offer and carers support	£85,000
Share Lives placements	£ 75,000
End-of-life bed provision	£89,000
Care Act Assessment backlog	£375,000
Project coordination	£45,000

These schemes meet the spending guidance across a range of criteria, including supporting a consistent workforce in services supporting or delivering discharge services, creating additional capacity through the purchase of care, specific mental health and other complex needs provision and includes the voluntary sector in the delivery of some schemes.

Reporting

We are required to report spend and outcomes on a fortnightly basis. The first submission was made on the 6th of January, covering a reporting period of the 23 December 2022 – 4th January 2023. Although impacted by the holiday period we reported a spend of just over £240,000. Additional resulting capacity included:

- 860 hours of domiciliary care
- 14 care home beds
- 19 intermediate care beds
- Recruitment of a Shared Lives officer

The next report is due on the 20th of January, covering the period 5th – 18th January.

Monitoring

The BCF commissioning team continue to work closely with health colleagues in the mobilisation of the mental health flow coordination scheme and are working

with operational colleagues to ensure existing schemes are working as effectively as possible.

Schemes are providing regular evidence and data about outcomes and this is useful not just for the national returns but also provides opportunity to test new ideas for efficiencies or to increase capacity. The insight from this will inform future BCF planning.

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