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Better Care Fund 2022/23 – amendment relating to the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an amendment to the proposed plan for the Derby Integration and Better Care Fund (BCF) for 2022/23 particularly in relation to the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund.

Recommendation

- 2.1 To note this report and the amendment to the BCF relating to the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund.

Reason

- 3.1 The Integration Better Care Fund (BCF) is approved and governed through the Health and Wellbeing Board. On 18th November, the DHSC published details of a new Adult Social Care Discharge Fund that is to be pooled into the existing funding into the Better Care Fund (BCF).

Supporting information

- 4.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) remains one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and local government are required to agree the Better Care plan. In November 2022, the HWB received a report outlining the proposed spend and performance objectives for the Better Care Fund for 2022/23 in line with the national expectations for the programme set by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).
- 4.2 The report provided a summary of the required Planning Submission and a copy of the Narrative Plan submitted to DHSC. The documents set out how health and care will work together in Derby and Derbyshire. The report recommended that the HWB approved the proposed spend and performance objectives for the Better Care Fund for 2022/23 in line with the national expectations for the programme. The HWB agreed the recommendations.
- 4.3 In September 2022, the government announced its [Plan for Patients](#). This plan committed £500m for the rest of the financial year, to support 'timely and safe discharge from hospital into the community by reducing the number of people delayed in hospital awaiting social care'. This was an addendum to the 2022 to 2023 Better Care Fund (BCF) policy framework.

- 4.4 Guidance was issued to the health and social care sector on 18th November 2022 and updated on 5th January. This report summarises this addendum and guidance alongside the local plan for its use.
- 4.5 The funding is to be distributed to both Local Authorities and ICBs to pool into the local BCF. In line with usual BCF requirements, the use of both elements of the funding must be agreed between local health and social care leaders. As the 2022 to 2023 BCF planning and assurance process has concluded, a separate template has been designed for systems to confirm their spending plans for this funding. The funding should complement plans for improving discharge. The addendum forms additional guidance to local systems and was issued jointly by the government and NHS England (thereby acting as an addendum to both the policy framework and planning requirements).
- 4.6 The national £500m funding will be distributed with 40% of the money (£200m) distributed as a section 31 grant to Local Authorities and the remainder (£300m) to ICBs. Local authority funding allocations have been determined using the established Adult Social Care Relative Needs Formula (ASC RNF). Funding is allocated to ICBs and Local Authorities in two tranches. The first tranche (40% of the total allocation) was in December and the second tranche (60% of the total allocation) in January. The second tranche is contingent on receipt of an initial completed planning template and meeting of the funding conditions.
- 4.7 There is a requirement for fortnightly activity reports to be submitted for each local authority footprint detailing what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plan. An end of year report is also required to be submitted (alongside the wider BCF end of year report), detailing the total spend of this fund. The impact the additional funding is having will be monitored through a range metrics.
- 4.8 The local authority element of the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund allocated to Derby is £957,141 and £3,022,755 to Derbyshire County Council. The ICB element for Derbyshire is £4,931,000.
- 4.9 The initial completed planning template for Derby is attached in **Appendix 1** for information.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Social Care, Voluntary Sector and NHS providers have been invited to access the ASC Discharge Fund and will be recipients of funding as set out in Appendix 1. Given the funding is currently only available until the end of March, there has been some restrictions of how it can be used as it must be spent before the end of the financial year. This has meant that activity that could be mobilised quickly has been prioritised.

Other options

- 6.1 The Integration and Better Care Fund is a mandatory national requirement, and all areas must submit a plan to NHSE/I should they wish to make use of the funding flexibilities between Councils and CCGs. This plan is subject to a full assurance process which had not been completed at the time of drafting this report. There is full expectation that the BCF funding and spending arrangements continue, as the integration agenda between health and social care remains a key priority for the government and as set out in recent White Papers and legislation.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 As in previous years, the NHS financial contribution to the BCF will still include funding to support the implementation of the Care Act 2014, as well as funding previously earmarked for the provision of carers' breaks. The BCF must also set out how the fund will maintain investment in community health services and out of hospital interventions. The funding remains subject to an existing pooled budget between Derby City Council and the new Derbyshire ICB and monitoring and reviewing spend against the plan will continue via the BCF Board which remains a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Legal implications

- 8.1 The Council and the Derbyshire CCG/ICB must enter into a section 75 agreement as part of the Planning expectations, under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006. This agreement remains in place and covers the Integration and Better Care Fund. As a component of the plan includes direct grants to the Council (the IBCF and Winter Pressures), these must be separately reported to government via the Council's statutory s151 Officer (Strategic Director of Resources).

Climate implications

- 9.1 None arising

Other significant implications

- 10.1 The Integration and Better Care Fund supports the Council's and the ICB's overall budget as an income stream to allow delivery of key care services to support the overall health and care system in Derby. The loss of this fund would present a significant financial risk to the shared ambition and key performance measures designed to serve patients and citizens well.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	n/a	
Finance	Janice Hadfield, Head of Finance	10 th January 2023
Service Director(s)	Kirsty McMillan, Service Director – Integration & Direct Services	10 th January 2023
Report sponsor	n/a	
Other(s)		

Background papers:	Guidance - Adult Social Care Discharge Fund
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Initial completed planning template for Derby

Appendix 1 - Discharge fund 2022-23 Funding Template

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Please confirm that the planned use of the funding has been agreed between the local authority and the ICB and indicate who is signing off the plan for submission on behalf of the HWB (delegated authority is also accepted):

Confirm that use of the funding has been agreed (Yes/No)	y
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If the following contacts have changed since your main BCF plan was submitted, please update the details.

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Local Authority Chief Executive	Mr	Paul	Simpson
LA Section 151 Officer	Mr	Simon	Reilly

Discharge fund 2022-23 Funding Template

5. Expenditure

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board:			Derby							
Scheme ID	Scheme Name	Brief Description of Scheme (including impact on reducing delayed discharges).	Scheme Type	Sub Types	Est. no. of package s/beneficiaries	Setting	Spend Area	Commissioner	Source of Funding	Planned Expenditure (£)
1	Local Area Coordination within IDT/ ED at Royal Derby	Additional capacity for UHDB to assist with onward flow of patients home on PO	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Redeploy other local authority staff		Both	Social Care	Derby	Local authority grant	£51,000
2	Additional Social Worker/ CCWs to support LRCH ward 5	Additional capacity for UHDB to assist with onward flow of patients home	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Redeploy other local authority staff		Both	Social Care	Derby	Local authority grant	£45,000
3	Additional Social Worker/ AHMP to support Radbourne Unit	Additional capacity for DHCFT to assist with onward flow of patients home	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers			Both	Social Care	Derby	Local authority grant	£49,956
4	ASCDF Admin	admin, brokerage and monitoring	Administration				Social Care	Derby	Local authority grant	£9,571
6	Additional PVI workforce payment	incentives for care workforce	Improve retention of existing workforce	Incentive payments		Both	Social Care	Derby	Local authority grant	£547,614
7	Additional admissions to PVI short term	Additional admissions to PVI short term residential	Residential Placements	Care home	68		Social Care	Derby	Local authority grant	£155,000

	residential									
8	Additional admissions to PVI homecare	Additional admissions to PVI homecare	Home Care or Domiciliary Care	Domiciliary care to support hospital discharge	151		Social Care	Derby	Local authority grant	£99,000
9	Self-Management Facilitators	Supporting people with self-care techniques and support to maintain independence	Reablement in a Person's Own Home	Reablement to support to discharge – step down			Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£40,082
10	NEPTS (4 crews per day)	Extra capacity to convey 1,440 patients over the winter period.	Other	Other		Both	Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£62,528
11	Overnight discharge Lounge and Hub facility to allow progression of discharges through the 24 hour period	The Discharge Lounge support 30 patients per day with a dedicated 10 beds open during the overnight period for next day discharges. This supports overall hospital flow and patients awaiting transport out of hours.	Other	Other		Both	Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£14,430
12	VCSE capacity to support discharge	transport and short term checks and support (not care)	Other	Other		Home care	Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£25,853
13	Ilkeston Hospital (14 beds)	Additional P2a beds to support with flow and reducing delays in an acute setting	Bed Based Intermediate Care Services	Step down (discharge to assess pathway 2)	24		Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£204,420

14	Florence Nightingale Community Hospital (23 beds)	Additional D2A capacity, (23beds)	Bed Based Intermediate Care Services	Step down (discharge to assess pathway 2)	22		Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£168,346
14	Hospice provision (4 beds)	Additional Hospice provision - 4 additional beds over the winter period.	Residential Placements	Nursing home	2		Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£60,123
16	Mental Health Step Down Residential Capacity (8 beds)	Provision of step down beds, creating additional capacity for MH beds	Residential Placements	Nursing home	3		Mental Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£121,209
17	Brokerage support for Pathway 3	Brokerage support for P3 and 2b to reduce LOS per patient by 3 days . Service set up to take 20 patients per month. Current case load 27 pts	Other	Other		Residential care	Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£6,734
18	Discharge to Assess packages	discharge pathway for P3 patients who require assessment of needs. Placement direct into a NH rather than community hospital	Residential Placements	Nursing home	38		Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£458,059
19	Spot-purchasing capacity	Accessible funds to enable spot purchasing of placements to support discharge	Residential Placements	Care home			Community Health	ICB	ICB allocation	£24,049