

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING
BOARD**

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE DISCHARGE FUND
2022/23**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To request that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the submission of the North Lincolnshire Adult Social Care Discharge Fund 2022-23.
- 1.2 The request that the Health and Wellbeing Board continue to support and oversee the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 On 22 September 2022, the government announced its Plan for Patients. This plan committed £500 million for the rest of this 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.
- 2.2 The focus for the additional funding was a 'home first' approach and discharge to assess (D2A). The addendum to the 2022 to 2023 Better Care Fund (BCF) policy framework and planning requirements sets out further detail for how this fund will be distributed, as well as conditions governing its use.
- 2.3 The funding must be pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF). The funding will be provided in 2 tranches – the first (40%) in December 2022, and the second (60%) by the end of January 2023 subject to providing a planned spending report and fortnightly activity data and have met the other funding conditions.
- 2.4 The funding conditions are:
 - To prioritise those approaches that are most effective in freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds, and reducing the bed days lost within the funding available, to the most appropriate setting from hospital, including from mental health inpatient settings.
 - To plan for spending the funding, which will be an addition to existing BCF plans, due 4 weeks after funding conditions are published.
 - To submit fortnightly activity reports, setting out what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plan.
 - To provide a final spending report to the department alongside the wider end of year BCF reports by 2 May 2023

- That all local authorities, ICBs and trusts engage with a review of their spending plans in January 2023.

2.5 The discharge fund will be monitored using the following metrics:

- the number of care packages purchased for care homes, domiciliary care and intermediate care
- the number of people discharged to their usual place of residence
- the absolute number of people 'not meeting criteria to reside' in an acute hospital
- the number of 'bed days lost' to delayed discharge by trust
- the proportion (%) of the bed base occupied by patients who do not meet the criteria to reside, by trust

2.6 The 2022-23 Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan is included as appendix 1 and was required to be submitted by 16th December 2022. The Director: Governance and Communities approved the Fund Plan on 15 December 2022 and it was subsequently submitted to the Government in accordance with the agreed timescales. The Fund Plan and the operation of the Better Care Fund will continue to be overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

3 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The Discharge Fund has been approved and submitted to Government. This report is intended solely to inform the Board.

4 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Formally agreeing and signing off the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan 2022-23 means that delivery of the plan can continue in line with national requirements.

5 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

5.1 The Adult Social Care Discharge Fund allocation as follows:

North Lincolnshire Council	£634,099
Integrated Care Board	£1,162,000
Total	£1,796,099

6 OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 There are no implications associated with this report.

7 OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Not applicable at this stage. Integrated Impact Assessments are undertaken as appropriate in line with commissioning intentions.

8 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 Local and regional health and care organisations collaborated on the development of the plan as per the conditions of the funding. A related report was submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 18 November 2022.

8.2 There are no perceived conflicts of interest associated with this report.

9 RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 It is requested that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the submission of the Adult Social Care Discharge fund Plan 2022/23, and continue to provide support and oversight.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Guidance - Addendum to the 2022/23 Better Care Fund policy framework and planning requirements