

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING
BOARD**

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE DISCHARGE FUND
2023/24**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To request that the Health and Wellbeing Board formally agree and sign off the North Lincolnshire Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan 2023/24 prior to formal submission to the National Better Care Team

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 On 22 September 2022, the government announced its Plan for Patients. This plan committed £500 million for the remainder of 2022/23 with further funding in 2023/24 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 is 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 set out further detail for how this fund is distributed, as well as conditions governing its use. The aim of this funding is 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.
- 2.3 Each Place is currently required to submit fortnightly activity and spend reports and submit a final spend report to the Department alongside the wider end of year BCF report by 2 May 2023.
- 2.4 The funding must be pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF). North Lincolnshire received the 2022/23 funding in two tranches and implemented the plans previously approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2022. Since then, reporting in line with national requirements has been completed.
- 2.5 This report sets out the proposed plan for funding in 2023/24, which reflects the review of impact of schemes to date. The plan is based on indicative allocations at this stage.
- 2.5 The discharge fund is 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 2023/24 Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan is included as appendix 1. This will be submitted to the national team in line with national requirements once published.

2 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.6 Option 1 – To formally agree and sign off the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan 2023/24

2.7 Option 2 – To seek additional information with regard to the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan 2023/24

3 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

3.6 Formally agreeing and signing off the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan 2023/24 means that delivery of the plan can continue in line with national requirements.

3.7 Seeking additional further information for the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan 2023/24 will affect both delivery and assurance of the plan and could result in the plan not being submitted and funding not secured.

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

4.6 The indicative Adult Social Care Discharge Fund allocation for 2023/24 is as follows:

North Lincolnshire Council	£951,000
Integrated Care Board	£1,001,000
Total	£1,952,000

Confirmation of the allocation is awaited.

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

5.6 There are no implications associated with this report.

6 OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

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

7 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.6 The council and Integrated Care Board have collaborated on the development of the plan as per the conditions of the funding.

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

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is requested that the Health and Wellbeing Board formally agree and sign off the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan 2023/24 prior to formal submission to the National Better Care Team.

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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

Appendix One:



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