

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

Health & Wellbeing Board

LA Urgent & Emergency Care Grant – Winter Plan

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To request that the Health & Wellbeing Board formally agree and sign off the North Lincolnshire Expenditure Plan against the Urgent & Emergency Care Fund that supports winter plans across the Health and Social Care system.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The DHSC has announced a £600 million package to help with recruitment and retention in social care. The fund will support the social care workforce and boost capacity in social care, in turn supporting the NHS ahead of winter and through into next year.
- 2.2 The government is encouraging local health and care systems to prepare jointly for the winter months, increasing resilience and preparedness for seasonal viruses such as flu and COVID-19.
- 2.3 North Lincolnshire Council has been identified as an authority able to bid against an additional £40 million as the HNY ICS has been identified as one of the most challenged health systems for the LA to support Urgent and Emergency (UEC) Care recovery plans. The funding identified for NLC to bid for is £357,003, any proposal has to be agreed with ICB colleagues and linked to the ICB winter surge plan.
- 2.4 Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria:
- Impact on urgent and emergency care resilience and performance over the winter period, whether by helping prevent avoidable admissions or by reducing discharge delays.
 - Are deliverable over the winter 2023/24 period.
 - Are additional to existing LA expenditure and capacity plans and linked to NHS winter surge plans and Better Care Fund demand and capacity plans, for example by addressing gaps identified in those plans. Section 151 officers will

be required to assure that funding has been used to purchase additional services and capacity in line with the MoU.

Our proposal has two elements:

- Avoiding admission to hospital: Supporting the flow of people within Same Day Emergency Care and Accident & Emergency Department.
- Additional capacity within the Transfer of Care Hub.

2.5 Our proposal is to create additional workforce capacity (social work and VCSE) to work within SDEC (Same Day Emergency Care) and A&E, completing proportionate assessments and supporting decision making within an MDT (Multi-Disciplinary Team) approach to avoid hospital admission and admissions to residential care, taking a home first approach.

2.6 In addition, we will create additional capacity within our Home First Community service to provide a rapid response to support people leaving SDEC and A&E where people need additional wrap around support to enable them to remain in their own homes.

2.7 We have an established transfer of care hub to support the hospital discharge process and reducing the numbers of people delayed following a clinical decision of no criteria to reside in an acute setting. Locally we have an over reliance on the use of short stay placements within residential homes, contributed by an “over prescription” of care needs by acute hospital staff. Our proposal would be to recruit an Occupational Therapist to be a part of the transfer of care hub, to challenge over prescriptions and enable greater numbers of people to return to their own homes.

2.8 The bid for the additional monies was submitted and based on the above proposals the funding was granted.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Option 1 – To formally agree and sign off the LA urgent & Emergency Care Fund Plan 2023/24

3.2 Option 2 – To seek additional information with regard to the LA urgent & Emergency Care Fund Plan 2023/24

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Formally agreeing and signing off the LA urgent & Emergency Care Fund Plan 2023/24 means that delivery of the plan can continue in line with national requirements.

4.2 Seeking additional further information for the LA urgent & Emergency Care Fund Plan 2023/24 will affect both delivery and assurance of the plan which could result in the plan not being delivered and funding returned to DHSC.

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

- 5.1 The LA UEC is additional funding that the LA can utilise to increase the workforce capacity and is available until March 2024. Schemes funded as outlined above will end as the funding ends with no ongoing financial liability for NLC.

NLC has been awarded £357,003 up to 31st March 2024.

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

- 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 formally agree and sign off the LA urgent & Emergency Care Fund Plan 2023/24.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –

