

# Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee

16 December 2022

## Adult Social Care Discharge Fund 2022/23

### Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee:

1. Notes the conditions and reporting requirements relating to the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund 2022/23 and that decisions relating to this funding will be made in accordance with existing Better Care Fund governance;
2. Supports the schemes and areas of focus set out in the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan for 2022/23 for submission to NHS England and the Department for Health and Social Care;
3. Authorises the Strategic Director for People to agree and finalise the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan for 2022/23 in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board;
4. Notes that a further update will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 11 January 2023.

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Details of the national £500 million Adult Social Care Discharge Fund announced by the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) on 22 September were published on the 18 November 2022. The allocation for 2022/23 (to 31 March 2023) to Warwickshire County Council Adult Social Care is £1.862m and to NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) is £6.715m.

#### Conditions of funding

- 1.2 The fund can be used flexibly on the interventions that best enable the discharge of patients from hospital to the most appropriate location for their ongoing care.
- 1.3 Funding should prioritise those approaches that are most effective in freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds and reducing bed days lost within the funding available.

## Partnership working

- 1.4 Local Authorities and Integrated Care Boards are expected to work together to provide a plan for spending the funding, which will be an addition to existing Better Care Fund plans. The plan should outline how the local authority plans to increase expenditure on discharge in comparison to their Better Care Fund plan.
- 1.5 The portion of the funding that is allocated via Integrated Care Boards does not have a centrally set distribution to individual Health and Wellbeing Board areas. For Coventry and Warwickshire, this allocation is £6.715m of which, around £4m is expected to fund schemes in Warwickshire, with the balance for schemes in Coventry. In conjunction with the ICB, Warwickshire County Council has agreed an indicative list of schemes. It must be noted that at the time of writing this report work continues to refine schemes across Coventry and Warwickshire.
- 1.6 The Council and the ICB, following engagement with NHS trusts, have agreed the areas of focus below, with details and final amounts currently being confirmed:

<b>Strategic Objectives and Conditions which the scheme relates to</b>	<b>Estimated Scheme Cost</b>
Home Care or Domiciliary Care	£2,500,000
Residential & Nursing Placements	£2,200,000
Domiciliary Care and Reablement in a Person's own Home (Rehab at Home)	£300,000
Other	£250,000
Assistive Technologies and Equipment	£100,000
Bed Based Intermediate Care Services	£100,000
Increase hours worked by existing workforce	£100,000
Reablement in a Person's Own Home	£70,000
Local recruitment initiatives	£50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>*c £5,670,000</b>

\*It is expected when the schemes are finalised the total will amount to c£5.862m

## Governance

- 1.7 The conditions for use of the funding are set out as an addendum to the Government's 2022-23 Better Care Fund (BCF) Policy Framework and Planning Requirements. This requires that funding should be pooled into local BCF agreements as an addition to existing section 75 arrangements. To enable this, the deadline to sign BCF section 75 agreements has been extended from 31 December 2022 to 31 January 2023.

## 2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 The estimated total amount of schemes in the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan for 2022/23 for Warwickshire is £5.862m, as summarised below. This may change in the coming week and a further update will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 as appropriate.

<b>Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Allocation</b>	
Warwickshire County Council	£1,862,153
C&W ICB (indicative)	£4,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,862,153</b>

- 2.2 The funding must be pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF) and will be provided in 2 tranches – the first (40%) in December 2022, and the second (60%) by the end of January 2023 for areas that have provided a planned spending report and fortnightly activity data and have met the other funding conditions.
- 2.3 Fortnightly activity reporting will be required with the first activity report to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022, with a review taking place in January 2023.
- 2.4 The funding can only be used up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The schemes in the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan for 2022/23 do not commit the local authority to ongoing costs after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## 3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None.

## 4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 Along with returns on the number of care packages purchased, the fund will also 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 (existing BCF metric).
  - the absolute number of people 'not meeting criteria to reside' (and who have not been discharged).
  - the number of 'bed days lost' to delayed discharge by trust (from the existing weekly Acute sitrep return).
  - the proportion (%) of the bed base occupied by patients who do not meet the criteria to reside, by trust.

## 5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

### 5.1

16 December 2022	Spending plans should be submitted to the DHSC and NHS England
30 December 2022	Fortnightly activity reports to the DHSC and NHS England, setting out what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plan, commence
31 January 2023	Amended Better Care Fund section 75 agreement to be in place and signed
2 May 2023	A final spending report provided to the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England as part of BCF end of year reporting

5.2 As a condition of funding, all local authorities, Integrated Care Boards and NHS trusts will need to engage with a review in January 2023. Where there are significant challenges, local areas will be offered a package of support to encourage improvement. In these cases, the expectation will be that local areas will implement the recommendations provided by the support programme teams.

5.3 There will also be an expectation that all Integrated Care Boards, NHS trusts and local authorities fulfil any existing data collections and continue to engage with data improvement programmes already under way. This forms part of the requirements for receiving the second tranche of funding.

## Appendices

1. None.

## Background Papers

1. None.

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