

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 24/01/23

Agenda item: **Adult Social Care Discharge Fund**

Wards: Merton

Subject:

Lead officer: John Morgan, Interim Director of Community and Housing /Mark Creelman, Locality Executive Merton and Wandsworth

Lead member: Councillor Peter McCabe, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Forward Plan reference number:

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Recommendations:

- A. To ratify the submission of the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund to NHS England by the deadline of 16th December 2022.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Government announced a £500m Adult Social Care Discharge Fund in September 2022 and guidance around its distribution and use was published later in the autumn. The slides attached provide a summary of the Merton allocation and how the funding is being used, with funding being focused on achieving the maximum reduction in delayed discharges.

The funding is to form part of the Section 75 agreement and is therefore owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). The allocation of the fund required the approval at a meeting of the HWBB. Like the majority of ICP's that was not possible during the very short timescale for its submission on the 16th December and so the approval of the chair of the HWBB was obtained before submission. It was agreed that it would be presented to the first available meeting of the HWBB on the 24th January 2023.

2 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

Please refer to the presentation slides.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable as this is an NHS England requirement in order to access the funding.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

Local discussions have taken place at pace to enable a plan to be drawn up at short notice which supports the aims of the funding.

5 TIMETABLE

Funding is available until 31st March 2023.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

Adult Social Care Merton £623,258

ICB- Merton £850,780

Total Funding £1,474,038

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The funding is to form part of the Section 75 agreement.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

The funding has been allocated to a wide range of schemes, which will support those who may have had longer stays in hospital without this additional resource.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The funding has been allocated in two tranches and activity reporting is required on a fortnightly basis in order to access the second tranche of funding. Systems have been set up to do this and the first report was completed on 6th January 2023.

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

APPENDIX A SUMMARY SLIDE DECK

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Link to the guidance [Adult Social Care Discharge Fund - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/adult-social-care-discharge-fund)



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Purpose and Allocation

- The funding is focused on achieving the maximum reduction in delayed discharges, with a focus on a *'home first' approach and discharge to assess (D2A)*.
- Link to the guidance [Adult Social Care Discharge Fund - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/adult-social-care-discharge-fund)
- *"...not use this funding to compensate for expenditure already incurred, activities for which the local authority has already earmarked or allocated expenditure, or to fund inflationary pressures"* or to fund admission avoidance schemes.

Allocation have been made based on ASC Relative Needs Formula and monies are to be spent by 31st March 2023:

Adult Social Care Merton	£623,258
ICB-Merton	£850,780
Total Funding	£1,474,038

Allocation of the funding has been agreed within short timeframes and distributed into a number of different schemes to maximise impact.

Sign Off and Monitoring

- All funding needs to be pooled into the BCFs. Funding will be released provided the grant conditions have been met.
- Spending Plans needed to be agreed by the ICB and LA CEs and signed off by HWB by 16th December 2022.
- There should be one planned spending report per local authority. To receive the remaining 60% of the allocation a local authority must provide a planned spending report. The DHSC can withhold the second tranche of funding until the local authority provides this report.
- Fortnightly activity reports need to be provided to DHSC, setting out what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plans. The first report was submitted on 6th January 2023 and will need to be submitted every 2 weeks.
- Metrics are measured weekly at the SWL Discharge meeting.
- A final spending report provided to DHSC by 2nd May 2023 alongside the wider end of year BCF reports.

Metrics used to measure impact of the funding are :

- 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 weekly acute sitrep)
- the proportion (%) of the bed based occupied by patients who do not meet the criteria to reside, by trust
- the number of care packages purchased for care homes, domiciliary care and intermediate care (to be collected through a new template)

Summary of Schemes			
Scheme Name	Description	Source of Funding	Funding allocated
Additional Social worker and out of hours capacity	Additional Social worker and out of hours capacity to support hospital discharges and move patients on from short stay placements	Local authority grant	£150,850
Same day discharge support	Additional capacity to facilitate same day discharge with initial support post discharge	ICB allocation	£343,467
Telecare to support discharge	Telecare offered via hospital SW or as part of reablement pathway	Local authority grant	£71,600
Additional capacity for short term placements	Additional bedded capacity for short term placements	ICB allocation	£199,906
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Additional trialling of 1:1 support via D2A	Trial at home using live in carer for 5-7 days	ICB allocation	£23,526
Additional equipment costs	Additional costs to support same day delivery to support discharge	ICB allocation	£60,649
Step down provision for people with MH diagnosis	Step down support for those with complex mental health needs	ICB allocation	£137,040
Inreach drugs and alcohol service	Additional capacity to enable inreach to support faster discharges	ICB allocation	£50,000
HR to support recruitment	Additional HR capacity and expertise to speed up recruitment and allocation of staff	Local authority grant	£29,000
	Total Funding		£1,474,038