

Report for: **Health and Wellbeing Board**

Date of Meeting:	17 January 2023
Subject:	Adults Discharge Funding 2022-23
Responsible Officer:	Senel Arkut, Corporate Director of People's Services
Public:	Yes
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 – Scheme Template

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the additional funding announced in relation to supporting timely discharges from hospital.

Recommendations:

The Board is requested to:

1. Note the funding allocations
2. Note and agree the schemes detailed in Appendix 1

Section 2 – Report

Background

Delays to discharging people from hospital when they are fit to leave continue to be a significant issue and is regularly highlighted in the conversations with local authorities (LAs), and social care and NHS providers.

Not only does this mean fewer hospital beds available for those who need them; it also means people who would be better off recovering at home or in residential care are instead spending too long in hospital.

The Department of Health and Social Care [DHSC] announced additional funding of £500 million as part of Our plan for patients on 22 September. On the 18 November, DHSC announced the allocations, conditions and metrics in this respect.

Implications of the Recommendation

All parts of the country are facing these challenges. The funding will be allocated to achieve the maximum reduction in delayed discharge:

- £200 million will be distributed to LAs, based on the adult social care relative needs formula (RNF).
- £300 million will be distributed to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs), targeted at those areas experiencing the greatest discharge delays.

DHSC expect the allocated funding to be pooled within the Better Care Fund (BCF). The funding will be provided in two 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 conditions.

What the Fund will be used for

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.

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, including from mental health inpatient settings.

Working together

It is crucial that health and care systems and providers work together across health and social care to meet the care needs of people and make best use of available resources. This includes coming together as joint teams involving NHS organisations, local authorities and social care provider representatives, for instance under the umbrella of Integrated Care Partnerships.

The Department expects to work with NHSE and local authorities to support the sharing of good practice and assess the impact of the Discharge Fund.

Financial Implications/Comments

The DHSC allocations for Harrow are as follows:

1. £808,190 (part of the £200m allocated directly to local authorities, noted as Local Authority grant on Appendix 1)
2. £8.659m (part of the £500m allocated to ICBs, noted as ICB allocation on Appendix 1). The allocation to Harrow is £1,115,963. The methodology for allocation, at a North West London level, is as follows:

Service	Lead	Additionality	Value and percentage
Scheme 1 Domiciliary Care (Home first)	DASS	Additionality will be reported through care hours, taking snapshot as of November as baseline.	£6,422,943 (40%)
Scheme 2 Step Down beds	DASS	Indicative 9.7% growth - additional 4574 step down bed days within community/local authority beds.	£6,422,943 (40%)
Scheme 3 Market quality (additional capacity in Care Homes).	ICB Nursing Directorate and DASS leads	As a minimum all homes with local quality issues to be re-opened to new admissions and all homes supported with their challenges. Potentially we would be able to re-open 94 care home beds (currently closed due to admissions)	£1,605,735 (10%)
Local Allocation	Borough Partnership Directors	The specifics by borough will be confirmed.	£1,605,735 (10%)

The additional funding of £1.808m for Harrow will be used to alleviate system pressures and ensure people are able to recover at home with appropriate support.

Appendix 1 details the schemes funded by these resources.

Continuation of this funding is expected into 2023-24 as announced within the provisional Local Government Settlement announced on the 19th December 2022.

Legal Implications/Comments

In the document setting out the purpose of the plan for patients, the Government has confirmed that they will be holding local NHS and local authorities to account in respect of how the monies transferred under the scheme are used, and regular reports will be required as to use of the monies

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 - To agree health and wellbeing priorities for Harrow
 - To develop the joint strategic needs assessment
 - To develop a joint health and wellbeing strategy
 - To promote joint commissioning
 - To ensure that Harrow Council and the CCG commissioning plans have had sufficient regard to the Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy

Risk Management Implications

- Potential for this funding to be insufficient, disappear into funding gaps that each organisation already holds
- Funding may not lead to measurable improvements in outcomes, given increasing pressure

Risks included on corporate or directorate risk register? **No**

Separate risk register in place? **No**

The relevant risks contained in the register are attached/summarised below. **n/a**

The following key risks should be taken into account when agreeing the recommendations in this report:

Risk Description	Mitigations	RAG Status
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Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? **No**

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance (Council and Joint Reports)

Statutory Officer: Donna Edwards

Signed on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer

Date: 03/01/23

Statutory Officer: Sharon Clarke

Signed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: 04/01/23

Chief Officer: Senel Arkut

Signed by the Corporate Director

Date: 04/01/23

Mandatory Checks

Ward Councillors notified: NO, as it impacts on all Wards

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Senel Arkut, Corporate Director of People's Services, Senel.Arkut@harrow.gov.uk

Background Papers:

[Letter to the health and social care sector from the Minister for Care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/letter-to-the-health-and-social-care-sector-from-the-minister-for-care)

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

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

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| 1. Consultation | NO |
| 2. Priorities | NO |

Appendix 1 – Adult Discharge Funding Template

Scheme ID	Scheme Name	Scheme Type	Sub Types	Estimated number of packages/ beneficiaries	Spend Area	Commissioner	Source of Funding	Planned Expenditure (£)
1	Discharge to Assess Pathway	Home Care or Domiciliary Care	Domiciliary care to support hospital discharge	162	Social Care	Harrow	Local authority grant	£642,110
2	Equipment	Assistive Technologies and Equipment	Community based equipment		Social Care	Harrow	Local authority grant	£85,000
3	Occupational Therapy	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Costs of agency staff		Social Care	Harrow	Local authority grant	£73,000
4	Administration	Administration			Social Care	Harrow	Local authority grant	£8,080
							Local authority grant	£808,190
5	Block Beds	Bed Based Intermediate Care Services	Step down (discharge to assess pathway 2)	105	Social Care	Harrow	ICB allocation	£181,150
6	Extend Reablement	Reablement in a Person's Own Home	Reablement service accepting community and discharge		Social Care	Harrow	ICB allocation	£228,850

7	Hospital Discharges	Home Care or Domiciliary Care	Domiciliary care to support hospital discharge	57	Social Care	Harrow	ICB allocation	£223,963
8	Mental Health Discharge Pathway (AMPH support local initiative)	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Costs of agency staff		Social Care	Harrow	ICB allocation	£39,000
9	Step Down & Workforce Support	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Costs of agency staff		Social Care	Harrow	ICB allocation	£246,000
10	Opening up closed beds (92 res & nursing beds)	Bed Based Intermediate Care Services	Step down (discharge to assess pathway 2)		Primary Care	NHS North West London ICB	ICB allocation	£127,000
11	Enhanced Night Provision (local initiative)	Home Care or Domiciliary Care	Domiciliary care to support hospital discharge	25	Social Care	Harrow	ICB allocation	£70,000

ICB allocation	£1,115,963
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Total	£1,924,153
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