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Report to: Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 9 February 2023

Subject: Allocation of Adult Social Care Hospital Discharge Fund

Are specific geographical areas affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of area(s):		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

In November 2022, Central Government announced additional funding in England of £500m Adult Social Care Hospital Discharge Fund to ease winter pressures during 2022/23. The allocation for the Leeds Health and Care Partnership is £7.947m. The entire fund is to be used for the period October 2022 – end of March 2023.

There is a requirement for the Fund to be pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF) agreement as an addition to existing section 75 arrangements.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board notes:

- The Adult Social Care Hospital Discharge Fund 2022-23 allocated to the Leeds Health and Care Partnership to the sum of £7.947m
- The incorporation of the Fund into the BCF
- The amendment to the Section 75 Agreement incorporating the above
- The spending plan outlining the use of the Fund

1 Allocation of the Adult Social Care Hospital Discharge Fund

- 1.1 In November 2022, Central Government announced additional funding of £500m Adult Social Care Discharge Fund to ease winter pressures during 2022/23 with 40% (£200m) distributed to local authorities and 60% (£300m) to Integrated Care Boards. This funding has been made available to help health and care systems reduce delays in discharge from hospitals and support those who are fit to leave hospital to receive any on-going care and support in a more appropriate location.
- 1.2 The total allocation for the West Yorkshire Integrated Care System and Local Authorities is £23.6m. The allocation for Leeds is £7.947m broken down as follows:
- Leeds City Council £2.759m
 - Integrated Care Board in Leeds £5.188m
- 1.3 There are strict conditions attached to the funding allocations including an expectation that the funds will be pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF) with agreement in local areas between ICBs and local government on the planned spend. The total sum of the funds is to be used for between October 2022 and end of March 2023. A lack of compliance with one or more conditions of the BCF, or in instances where the funds are not being utilised in accordance with the agreed plan the national or regional BCF team may make a recommendation to initiate the intervention and escalation process as outlined in the BCF planning requirements 2022-23.
- 1.4 The funding has been provided in two tranches – the first (40%) in December 2022, and the second (60%) by the end of January 2023. The allocations are dependent on each area submitting a planned spending report for regional assurance and approval, fortnightly activity data, and meeting the various conditions set out in the BCF policy framework for 2022-23 and the BCF planning requirements for 2022-23, including the transfer of the funds into a pooling arrangement governed by a Section 75 agreement.
- 1.5 The Partnership submitted its plan and associated templates by 16 December as required and received notification from NHS England on 6 January 2023 that the plan had been approved.
- 1.6 The Leeds Health and Care Partnership is now required to submit activity data on a fortnightly basis with the first activity return, which included baseline data for October, being submitted on 6 January. Additionally, the Section 75 agreement has been amended as required to incorporate this additional funding.
- 1.7 A final spending report will need to be submitted with the end of year BCF reports by 2 May 2023.

2 Section title

- 2.1 As indicated above, the local health and care systems are required to use the Fund on the interventions that best enable the discharge of people from hospital to the most appropriate location for their ongoing care, and to free up the maximum number of hospital beds and reduce bed days lost including from mental health

inpatient settings. The range of initiatives and schemes the Fund can be used for includes:

- Provision of homecare
- Bed-based Intermediate Care Services including Discharge to Assess (D2A) beds
- Assistive Technologies and Equipment
- Reablement in a person's own home
- Residential and nursing placements
- To boost general adult social care workforce capacity, through staff recruitment and retention, where that will contribute to reducing delayed discharges

2.2 The plan submitted by the Leeds Health and Care Partnership incorporates investment in all of the above (see Appendix A – Discharge Fund 2022 -23 Funding Template).

2.3 It is anticipated that there will be a further allocation of the Adult Social Care Hospital Discharge Fund for the full financial year 2023-24, with specific conditions and reporting requirements attached to the funding allocations. This further allocation is also expected to be pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF).

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Implementing the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21

How does this help reduce health inequalities in Leeds?

The Adult Social Care Hospital Discharge Fund will enable additional care and support services to be commissioned and delivered to support people to return to their own home or a care home following a period in hospital. The services are targeted mainly at older people including people that require state funded care.

How does this help create a high quality health and care system?

The Adult Social Care Hospital Discharge Fund is being pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF) and is being used through the integrated commissioning of care and support services. This ensures a single joined up approach across the Leeds health and care partnership.

How does this help to have a financially sustainable health and care system?

The Fund is allocated to ease immediate winter pressures and is time-limited – it does not therefore help secure a financially sustainable system in the longer term.

Future challenges or opportunities

It is anticipated that there will be a further allocation of the Adult Social Care Hospital Discharge Fund for 2023/24. Assuming the Fund will be allocated early in the next financial year, there will be greater opportunity to develop an investment plan for the full year.

Priorities of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21	
<small>(please tick all that apply to this report)</small>	
A Child Friendly City and the best start in life	
An Age Friendly City where people age well	X
Strong, engaged and well-connected communities	X
Housing and the environment enable all people of Leeds to be healthy	X
A strong economy with quality, local jobs	
Get more people, more physically active, more often	
Maximise the benefits of information and technology	
A stronger focus on prevention	X

Support self-care, with more people managing their own conditions	
Promote mental and physical health equally	
A valued, well trained and supported workforce	X
The best care, in the right place, at the right time	X