

Decision Maker: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date: 8 December 2022

Title: Additional Hospital Discharge Funds 2022-2023

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Wards: All

1. Summary

- 1.1. The government has provided additional winter funds to local authorities and the NHS to respond to pressures over this winter.
 - 1.2. Bromley has been allocated £2.3 million by NHS England through a direct grant to LB Bromley and an additional allocation to SELICB which in turn has been delegated to Bromley. It is a condition of this grant that the Local Authority and NHS funds be pooled as part of the local Better Care Fund and that the spending of the grant be approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
 - 1.3. This report provides a summary of the grant conditions and local priorities for spend and makes proposals on approving the spending plans prior to their submission to NHS England on 16 December 2022.
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2. Reason for Report going to Health and Wellbeing Board

- 2.1 It is a requirement of the grant conditions that the additional hospital discharge funds made to the Council and ICB are pooled as part of the local Better Care Fund. The spending of the Better Care Fund is subject to agreement by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
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3. **SPECIFIC ACTION REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AND ITS CONSTITUENT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to comment on the priorities for spending the additional funds and delegate to the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, in

consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health, the approval of the planned spend report to NHS England in time for the deadline of 16 December 2022.

Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The work of the Integrated Commissioning report will have a direct and or indirect impact on all of Bromley's Health & Wellbeing Strategy Indicators

Financial

1. Cost of proposal: £2,314k
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Total savings: Not Applicable:
 4. Budget host organisation: LBB
 5. Source of funding: £1,322k from SELICB, £992k from NHS England
 6. Beneficiary/beneficiaries of any savings: LBB and SELICB
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Supporting Public Health Outcome Indicator(s)

The plans to spend these additional funds will have a direct and or indirect impact on many of Bromley's Public Health Outcome Indicators

4. COMMENTARY

- 4.1 On 22 September 2022, the government announced its *Plan for Patients*¹ in which it committed an additional £500 million for this financial year to support the timely and safe discharge of patients from hospital into the community by reducing the number of people delayed in hospital awaiting social care.
- 4.2 Bromley has been allocated £2.3 million by NHS England through a direct grant to LB Bromley and an additional allocation to SELICB which in turn has been delegated to Bromley. It is a condition of this grant that the Local Authority and NHS funds be pooled as part of the local Better Care Fund and that the spending of the grant be approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5. Grant Conditions

- 5.1 The grant conditions require the Council and SELICB to make the following submissions to NHS England:
- A planned spend report detailing how the local plans to spend all of their allocation over the winter period, due by 16 December 2022. This is made through a NHSE template whereby the planned spend is set against a set of headings in line with BCF objectives.
 - Fortnightly activity reports, setting out what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plan.
 - A final spending report provided to NHS England to be included as part of the end of year BCF report to NHSE by 2 May 2023
- 5.2 The first 40% of the grant funding will be paid in early December 2022. The remaining 60% of the grant funding will be paid on or before 31 January 2023, subject to receipt of a completed planned spending report and weekly activity data.
- 5.3 The use of this additional funding will be limited to projects that enable more people to be discharged to an appropriate setting, including from mental health inpatient settings, with adequate and timely social care support as required. Discharge funds can also be used to support projects that enable the freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds and reducing bed days lost, and to boost general adult social care workforce capacity through recruitment and retention activity, where that will help to reduce delayed discharges from hospital. The grant cannot be used for prevention activities such as admissions avoidance.
- 5.4 It is further required that the details of these additional funds are included in the National Health Service Act 2006 s.75 Agreement between the Council and ICB and that this be agreed by 31 January 2023. A report to this effect will be submitted for agreement between the Council and ICB at a meeting of the Local Care Partnership on 26 January 2023.

¹ [Our plan for patients - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/our-plan-for-patients)

6. Metrics and Monitoring

6.1 Reporting on this fund will be through fortnightly reports made to NHSE and incorporated into the final BCF Plan reporting for 2023/2024. The impact of the funds will be tracked by the following measures:

- a) The number of people discharged to their usual place of residence
- b) The number of people 'not meeting criteria to reside' and who have not been discharged)
- c) the number of 'Bed days lost' to delayed discharge by trust (from the weekly acute sitrep)
- d) The proportion of the bed based occupied by patients who do not meet the criteria to reside, by trust
- e) the number of care packages purchased for care homes, domiciliary care and intermediate care

7 Planning the Spend

7.1 Led by the Integrated Commissioning Service, LBB and ICB staff are working across One Bromley care and health partners to develop a set of plans in time for the submission date of 16 December 2022. Learnings from the last two pandemic years and the detailed planning for this winter made in the summer is enabling the local system to quickly formulate a plan. Priority is being given to the following themes:

- a) Supporting more people to be discharged home – through activities including additional equipment, assisted technologies, helping ready people's homes for discharge and additional domiciliary care provision
- b) Care Homes Support and Additionality – including additional step down beds and capacity
- c) Additional Discharge Resources in the Princess Royal Hospital – additional staffing and other resources to assist patients and carers at discharge
- d) Additional intermediate beds
- e) Mental Health – a SEL mental health discharge summit held in November has identified priorities to assist residents needing mental health services support at discharge including additional beds

7.2 For the purposes of efficiency some schemes will be organised on a South East London basis and or with neighbouring areas, e.g. it is planned that additional beds at the Eltham Community Hospital will be commissioned on behalf of all six SEL boroughs. Work to align plans across South-East London will take place on 14 December.

8 Arrangements to agree the Spending Plan

8.1 Local care and health partners have been given little time to prepare the spending plans in time for the 16 December submission date. Work is under way to consider and finalise a spending plan and it is anticipated that a final proposal with input from all relevant partners will not be ready until the week beginning 12 December 2023.

8.2 In order to give time to local care and health partners to develop proposals for the spend in time the Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to delegate to the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health, the approval of the additional winter funds planned spend report to NHS England in time for the deadline of 16 December 2022.

9 IMPACT ON VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND CHILDREN

9.1 All funds are to be directed to adults and children in support of hospital discharge and supporting vulnerable residents into the community.

10 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 As set out in paragraph 4.2, the total additional funding of £2,314k is required to be pooled into the Better Care Fund for 2022/23.

10.2 This will increase the Better Care Fund revenue allocation to £27,853k, in addition to the £2,443k Disabled Facilities Grant and £7,730k Improved Better Care Fund allocations (total £38,026k).

Non-Applicable Sections:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEGAL IMPLICATIONS• IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, BOARDS AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY POLICY AND FINANCIAL CHANGES, REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE ITEM• COMMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AUTHOR ORGANISATION
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults Social Care Discharge Fund Guidance, DHSC, November 2022