

North Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Report Title	Additional Winter Discharge Fund	
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None

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To provide an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Additional Winter Discharge Fund allocated to North Northamptonshire.
- 1.2. How the Additional Winter Discharge Fund has supported performance in relation to hospital discharge and increased flow.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 On the 16th of November 2022, the secretary of State shared details of the £500 million Adult Social Care Discharge Fund.
- 2.2 The letter from the Minister for Care on 16 November stated: 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. Discharge to Assess (D2A) and provision of homecare is recognised as an effective option for discharging more people in a safe and timely manner.

Funding can also be used to boost general adult social care workforce capacity, through staff recruitment and retention, where that will contribute to reducing delayed discharges.

In some areas where there are particular delays to discharge of patients with long hospital stays – for instance those with particularly complex care needs – a concerted focus on supporting discharge of these patients may be important to free up hospital capacity.

2.3 **The conditions** for receipt of funds are set out in an addendum to the BCF framework, where Local authorities and ICBs were requested to use the fund to:

- Prioritise those approaches that are most effective in freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds, and reducing the bed days lost within the funding available, to the most appropriate setting from hospital, including from mental health inpatient settings. Discharge to Assess (D2A) and provision of homecare is recognised as an effective option for discharging more people in a safe and timely manner. Residential care to meet complex health and care needs may be more appropriate for people who have been waiting to be discharged for a long time
- Boost general adult social care workforce capacity, through staff recruitment and retention, where that will help reduce delayed discharges. This could include, but is not limited to, measures such as retention bonuses or bringing forward pay rises ahead of the new financial year.

2.4 To demonstrate this, local authorities and ICBs will be asked to work together to provide:

- A plan for spending the funding, which will be an addition to existing BCF plans, due 4 weeks after funding conditions are published. This should outline how the local authority plans to increase expenditure on discharge in comparison to their BCF plan. The department expects to receive one planned spending report per local authority
- Fortnightly activity reports, setting out what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plan. Spending plans should be submitted by 16 December 2022, and the first activity report should be submitted on 30 December 2022
- A final spending report provided to the department alongside the wider end of year BCF reports by 2 May 2023

2.5 This funding was allocated via:

- A grant to local government - (40% of the fund)
- An allocation to ICBs - (60% of the fund)

Both elements of funding should be pooled into local BCF section 75 agreements.

2.6 Local allocations

Source of funding		Amount pooled	Planned spend
LA allocation		£1,051,744	£1,279,634
ICB allocation	NHS Northamptonshire ICB	£2,190,467.00	£1,962,577
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3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Board note the Additional Winter Discharge Fund update.
- 3.2 How the Additional Winter Discharge Fund has supported performance in relation to hospital discharge and increased flow.

4. Report Background

Scheme ID	Scheme Name	Brief Description of Scheme (including impact on reducing delayed discharges).	Scheme Type	Sub Types	Please specify if 'Scheme Type' is 'Other'	Estimated number of packages/beneficiaries	Setting	Spend Area	Commissioner	Source of Funding	Planned Expenditure (£)
14	Repurposing Thackley Green or SPOT purchasing	Bed Based Intermediate Care Services	Bed Based Intermediate Care Services	Step down (discharge to assess pathway 2)				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	ICB allocation	£662,400
16	Increased hourly rate for home care	P1 payment to provider market to stabilise and retain workforce	Improve retention of existing workforce	Incentive payments				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	Local authority grant	£220,000
17	Emergency Respite to facilitate discharge	Bed Based Intermediate Care Services	Bed Based Intermediate Care Services	Step down (discharge to assess pathway 2)		10 Beds		Social Care	North Northamptonshire	Local authority grant	£153,000
18	Older persons mental health DTA bedded capacity	Mental Health discharge to assess	Residential Placements	Care home		10 beds		Mental Health	NHS Northamptonshire ICB	Local authority grant	£153,000

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19	Capacity for commissioning of bespoke packages of care and additional block or spot contracts as required	Additional capacity and planned flexibility to enable enhanced commissioning of packages of care and additional provision of equipment as required to enable bespoke commissioning for complex packages to facilitate rapid discharge or admission avoidance.	Home Care or Domiciliary Care	Domiciliary care packages				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	Local authority grant	£200,000

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20	Additional staff to support onward assessment	Increased Assessments team to manage Discharge to Assess	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Costs of agency staff				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	Local authority grant	£125,456
21	NNC quick pick-up incentive (P2/3)	Home care Provider incentives to support quick pick up of discharge packages and support flow out of winter schemes / reablement and DTA.	Residential Placements	Discharge from hospital (with reablement) to long term care				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	Local authority grant	£170,000

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22	NNC quick pick-up incentive (P1)	Home care Provider incentives to support quick pick up of discharge packages and support flow out of winter schemes / reablement and DTA.	Home Care or Domiciliary Care	Domiciliary care packages				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	Local authority grant	£106,216
23	NNC complex home care block extension	Increase to the short-term block contract for complex homecare block by 20%	Reablement in a Person's Own Home	Reablement to support to discharge – step down				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	Local authority grant	£74,303
25	Expansion of virtual respiratory ward at KGH	Increase in provision to allow virtual assessments from home	Assistive Technologies and Equipment	Telecare				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	ICB allocation	£44,460

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26	Additional brokerage and contracting capacity	Increased Brokerage capacity to manage Discharge to Assess	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Costs of agency staff				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	Local authority grant	£38,250
28	Senior mental health flow coordinator	Senior post to enable oversight, unblock issues and escalations that will enable safe and timely discharge	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Costs of agency staff				Mental Health	NHS Northamptonshire ICB	Local authority grant	£22,409
29	Increased opening hours for KGH discharge lounge	Reducing LoS / Increasing Capacity	Other		Reducing LoS / Increasing Capacity			Community Health	North Northamptonshire	ICB allocation	£32,617

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30	Dedicated mental health brokerage capacity	Mental health step down placement broker	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Costs of agency staff				Mental Health	NHS Northamptonshire ICB	Local authority grant	£17,000
31	#NOF early discharge pathway		Other		Reducing LoS / Increasing Capacity			Community Health	North Northamptonshire	ICB allocation	£15,600
44	Discharge Fund Administrator - North	Business support officer to track and report schemes	Administrative					Social Care	North Northamptonshire	ICB allocation	£17,500
50	Enhanced assessment schemes (North)	Increased Assessments team to manage home care and step-down arrangements	Additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers	Costs of agency staff				Social Care	North Northamptonshire	ICB allocation	£1,080,650

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51	Supported accommodation for acute mental health discharge (North)	Capacity to support housing delays preventing discharge	Other		Capacity to support housing delays preventing discharge			Social Care	North Northamptonshire	ICB allocation	£59,350
47	Age concern consumables	Essential items required in the community that will expedite discharge from acute settings	Other		Essential items to expedite discharge			Community Health	North Northamptonshire	ICB allocation	£50,000

5. Issues and Choices

NA

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

NA

6.2 Legal

NA

There are no legal implications arising from the proposals.

6.3 Risk

NA

6.4 Consultation

6.5 Consideration by Scrutiny

NA

6.6 Climate Impact

NA

6.7 Community Impact

NA

7. Background Papers

None