

Meeting:	Health & Well-Being Board: BETTER CARE FUND
Date:	2nd February 2023
Title:	Adult Social Care Discharge Fund 2022/23

1. Summary

The purpose of this report is to confirm that South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Barnsley Place) and Barnsley Metropolitan Council (BMBC) have jointly agreed to spending plans on the funding allocation from the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund for 2022/23, which reflects local need and priorities

2. Recommendations

That the Health & Well-Being Board:

- (l) Note the requirement for the Section 75 to include the ASC discharge funding in addition to schemes already agreed by the Board as part of the 2022/23 Better Care Fund Plan. This has been drafted to include all the schemes included in this paper and will be signed off through the usual ICB and BMBC governance processes.

3. Introduction/Background

In September 2022, the Government announced a commitment of £500 million to support timely and safe discharge from hospital into the community by reducing the number of people delayed in hospital awaiting social care over the winter period. The main focus is on, although not limited to, a 'home first' approach and discharge to assess (D2A).

On 18th November 2022, the Government confirmed that a total allocation of £8.346 million has been provided to NHS South Yorkshire ICB and Barnsley Place will receive £1.520 million.

Barnsley Council has also been allocated £1.032 million of the fund. Therefore, this amounts to a total of £2.552 million of funding for Barnsley Place partners for the remainder of 2022/23.

In line with usual BCF requirements, the use of both elements of this funding needs to be agreed between local ICBs and Local Authorities. This funding can be used once both partner organisations have fully agreed to spending plans and needs to be spent by 31st March 2023.

The funding will be released in two tranches, the first in early December 2022 and the second in January 2023.

The fund will be pooled into local Better Care Fund (BCF) plans and Section 75 agreements for 2022/23. The deadline for S75 agreements to be agreed and signed by both partner organisations has been extended until 31st January 2023.

Local areas may use up to 1% of their total allocation (LA and ICB) for reasonable administrative costs associated with distributing and reporting on this funding with regular reporting required on the impact.

4. Funding Conditions

On 18th November 2022, an Addendum to the BCF Policy Framework and Planning Requirements has also been published which sets out conditions, monitoring and reporting arrangements.

The funding conditions of the discharge fund include:

- Local Authorities and ICB funding allocation should be pooled into local HWB BCF Section 75 agreements with plans for spend agreed by both the LA and ICB under National Condition of the Better Care Fund
- Funding should only be used on permitted activities that reduce flow pressure on hospitals, including in mental health inpatient settings, by enabling more people to be discharged to an appropriate setting, with adequate and timely health and social care support as required
- Funding should 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.
- ICBs should ensure that support from the NHS for discharges into social care is available throughout the week, including at weekends.
- A completed spending template confirming planned use of the additional funding must be completed and submitted to NHS England by 16th December 2022. This enables the second tranche of funding to be released.

5. Use of the Fund

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. The main focus will be on:

- Discharge to Assess (D2A) and provision of home care which is recognised as an effective option for discharging more people in a safe and timely manner.
- 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.
- Where there are particular delays to discharge of patients with long hospital stays, for instance those with particularly complex care health and care needs, short-term residential care is an option to free up hospital capacity (where appropriate).

6. Expenditure

It is proposed to use the grant in the following areas:

Name / Title		Description	Funding
Support payments to homecare providers / In-house Reablement team to create additional capacity	BMBC	To enable contracted care providers and in-house Reablement team to increase existing capacity and hours of care / support	£428,463
Short Stay placements	BMBC	short stay or term placements in care homes for people discharged from hospital but awaiting community package of support;	£150,000

Additional Bridging Support Hours (Reablement)	BMBC	Additional 50 Hours from Elder Care for additional capacity to support NRS flow	£15,000
Rapid response homecare support	BMBC	additional 150 hours to be provided via x3 providers aimed at providing rapid response to discharge cases	£50,000
transport support of non-driving care workers	BMBC	Support funding for homecare providers to provide transport schemes for non-driving care workers, thereby boosting the capacity to deliver more care hours	£20,000
Digital - Assistive technology	BMBC	support hospital discharges through provision of assistive technology / equipment at home to address risk associated with discharges e.g. falls, etc	£10,000
Mental Health step down bed	BMBC	Provision of a bed / staff to support to provide mental health step down	£10,000
Shared Lives Service to explore additional step-down and respite capacity	BMBC	support for individuals in a home setting for more challenging and very complex discharges	£50,000
Little help to home hospital discharge service	BMBC	Short to medium term support that reduce flow pressure on hospitals by enabling more people to be discharged to an appropriate setting	£258,538
Support to facilitate s17 discharges (of s37/41 patients)	BMBC	To facilitate s17 leave, by paying rent and allowances to test suitability of supported living placements for those in Locked rehab/low secure.	£20,000
Agency Nursing (To support independent sector nursing providers)	BMBC	To support independent sector care providers to increase nursing capacity on a short term basis to enable discharge of patients	£10,000
Activity Train	ICB	physical activity/Otago type activity on hospital wards preventing deconditioning and speeding up discharge.	£10,000
Mental health support for hospital discharge and for high intensity service users.	ICB	A proposal for non-recurrent funding to support the peer support worker model in collaboration with Family lives (£35k)	£35,000
NRS and Equipment service uplift	ICB	A proposal for non-recurrent funding for additional agency staff and equipment within BICES.	£211,235
Additional Discharge Transport	ICB	Additional transport to support	£30,000
Hospice - Increased community support and out of hours	ICB	Collaboration with community services to provide specialist and general palliative care in the community and extension of out of hours capacity including telephone advice and guidance	£100,000

Step Down (spot purchase beds)	ICB	Additional step down spot purchase capacity to allow discharge into residential/nursing care when not meeting the criteria to reside	£180,000
Intermediate Care medical support and oversight	ICB	Medical cover to the intermediate care acorn unit	£75,000
CHC/Complex Cases - funded beds and complex care packages with 1:1/2:1 support	ICB	Capacity to support complex patients with high levels of care needs to expediate discharge	£850,226
Clinical Educator - Criteria to reside	ICB	Support embedding the criteria to reside approach across the Hospital as part of regular discharge planning and board rounds	£38,940
			£2,552,402

7. Underspends

If any underspend is identified within the Local Authority and Integrated Care Board (Barnsley Place) grants the following approach will be taken:

- Divert these to support the market with workforce retention – financial incentives / rewards
- Areas where spend is demonstrating a positive impact and can be further expanded

8. Reporting Requirements

ICBs and Councils need to confirm the agreed distribution of their allocations with the Health and Wellbeing Board in their area when plans are submitted to NHS England by 16th December 2022.

Reporting of additional activity, as a result of this funding, will be on a fortnightly basis for each local authority footprint which will include what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plan.

NHS England has published two templates (Appendices 1 and 2) which are designed for systems to confirm their spending plans for this funding by 16th December 2022. This funding should complement plans for improving discharge outcomes under National Condition 4 of the main BCF plan.

9. Metrics and Monitoring

The Addendum to the BCF Policy Framework and Planning Requirements also sets out conditions, monitoring and reporting arrangements.

The impact of the additional funding will be measured by the following metrics:

- 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 which will be published at a later date)
- In addition, the data on length of stay will be monitored regionally and nationally and this data will continue to be available on the Better Care Exchange.

10. Key Actions and Timelines

- Submit the Barnsley HWB and South Yorkshire ICB Discharge funding templates (Appendix 1 and 2) to NHS England by 16th December 2022
- Complete fortnightly templates which will focus mainly on activity rather than spend. The first submission date is planned on 30th December 2022.
- Health and Wellbeing Board to note the requirement for the Section 75 to include the ASC discharge funding in addition to schemes already agreed by the Board as part of the 2022/23 Better Care Fund Plan. This has been drafted to include all the schemes included in this paper and will be signed off through the usual ICB and BMBC governance processes.
- Complete end of year report by 2nd May 2023

11. Background Papers

Appendix 1 – Barnsley HWB Adult Social Care Discharge Funding Template

Appendix 2 – NHS South Yorkshire ICB Discharge Funding Template

These papers can be provided upon request.