

Better Care Fund – Discharge Scheme 2022/23

Haringey Health & Well-Being Update

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Introduction and context

- As part of the autumn budget, the Government announced an additional allocation for ICBs (£300m) and Local Authorities (£200m) to support timely and safe discharge from hospital in the community and help them recover their health and well-being outside hospital, ideally at home. Doing so will reduce the number of people delayed in hospital and mitigate the need for people to access intensive long-term care. Funding is to the end of 2022/23, with a further investment for 2023/24 (details of latter not yet known)
- The scheme is an addendum to the 2022/23 Better care (BCF) policy framework, which will require ICBs and Local Authorities to pool this funding into local BCF Section 75 arrangements.
- In line with BCF requirements, the use of both elements of this funding has been agreed between local health and social care leaders. The total pool for Haringey is £2.2m to fund adult social care, mental health and community schemes of which £957k is part of LBH allocation and £1.256m is part of NCL ICB allocation.
- Partners agreed a set of principles governing this scheme to guide the use of the funding and a set of solutions that will have impact on discharge in acute and non-acute MH settings and which can be implemented/extended quickly (see next slides)
- Funding is focussed on those solutions that could be rapidly implemented or expanded given the timescales and funding has started to be utilised as soon as possible in Dec/Jan. Deadline for submission was 16th Dec, and reporting to NHSE is fortnightly from 6th Jan.
- Schedule of solutions was agreed between executives in the Council and NCL ICB and signed-off via the Director of Adult Social Care. But a requirement remains for the Health & Well-Being Board to sign-off these schemes as they are part of the BCF Plan
- Funding sits alongside NHSE Winter Planning investments, e.g. investments in community health therapies to support discharge

A set of common principles agreed between system partners for the BCF Discharge Fund

1. All schemes must be on activities that reduce flow pressure on hospital beds
2. Schemes to adopt a test and learn approach
3. Funding will target barriers to discharge particularly those in ASC
4. Funding should be treated as non-recurrent with schemes ending in Mar 2023
5. Funding will need to treat or support more people in the system by building additional capacity
6. All partners expected to share weekly estimated and monthly validated activity and cost data
7. Funding plans to be developed now to ensure schemes are mobilised for December
8. All HWB areas will need monitor against a baseline and planned ambitions metrics
9. All partners will commit to improvements in data collection
10. Slippage against spending plan will be monitored



Agreed Schemes in Haringey

Type	Description	Allocation	Amount	Item
1. Discharge Solutions for Patients to Return & Recovery at Home (Pathway 1) and Enablers of Discharge	Short-term support for people to recover health & function in their own home: reablement, short-term packages of care & staffing to support reviews of patients	LBH	£956,835	
		NCL ICB	£780,813	
2. Discharge Solutions for Patients with Housing Needs/Homelessness to Recover (Pathway 1)	Short-term step-down flats for people who cannot return directly home for one reason or another but need to recover health, function & to decide on next steps and accommodation	NCL ICB	£37,290	
3. Discharge Solutions for Patients with Mental Health/Dementia Issues to Recover (Pathways 1-3)	Short-term care packages & placements in care home beds/supported accommodation to help people with MH issues to recover physical and mental health post-hospital & assess longer-term care needs	NCL ICB	£182,000	
4. Discharge Solutions for Acute Patients with complex needs to recover in bed in community (Pathway 2)	Short-term placements in care homes for acute patients with complex physical health and/or social care needs to recover in care home beds in community & assess longer-term care needs	NCL ICB	£100,000	
5. Discharge Solutions for Acute Patients with rehabilitation needs to recover in bed in community (Pathway 2)	Funding of short-term NHS rehabilitation beds in community for acute patients with rehab needs to recover health & function & assess long-term care needs	NCL ICB	£138,183	
6. Investment in Enablers of Discharge	Additional investment in brokerage to arrange & manage placements/packages in care	NCL ICB	£18,111	
TOTAL			£2,213,232	

The term 'short-term' is used in the table: these are services that generally last 2-6 weeks whether in a person's home or in a bedded facilities

An Outline of Some of Our Schemes

- 1. Reablement:** Greater investment in short-term help to work with more people to recover their health and ability to undertake daily living tasks, such as washing or getting around or about, and to provide short-term packages of home care if they need it prior to any longer-term assessment of health and social care needs
- 2. Step-Down Units:** Work with Homes from Haringey and LBH Housing to utilise units at Stokeley Court to work with people with housing environment issues (e.g. hoarding, needing deep clean etc.) or who are at risk of homelessness to recover after a hospital episode and work with health, housing and social care to decide on next steps, arrange improvements to housing environment and undertake any assessment of health, social care and/or housing needs
- 3. Short-Term Placements in NHS Rehab or Care Home Beds:** Work with partners to arrange & place individuals with complex needs in care homes or NHS community beds to work with them to recover or rehab their health and functional abilities in daily living and decide on next steps with a view to get them home if possible, including longer-term assessment of care needs. The funding includes support for people discharged from acute and non-acute MH hospitals

Next Steps

- HWB is asked to endorse investment schedule for 2022/23
- We will put forward proposals for investment in Discharge Funding for 2023/24 when further guidance is available from NHS England/BCF National colleagues. However, these requirements are likely to be absorbed into overall national BCF Plan requirements in 2023/24
- In addition to this funding, the Government recently announced a further £200m investment to ICBs to support discharge for patients who need step-down into care homes outside of the BCF Plan. Funding needs to be spent by March 2023.
- The ICB and its partners are still working through the details of this investment and we will present the impact of this investment alongside the Discharge Funding investment covered in this slides as part of the BCF Plan Review for 2022/23 to the Board

