

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
DATE OF DECISION	15 DECEMBER 2022
REPORT TITLE:	SIGN OFF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE DISCHARGE FUND PLAN
CORPORATE DIRECTOR	ANNETTE MCPARTLAND CORPORATE DIRECTOR ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES
LEAD OFFICER:	ANNETTE MCPARTLAND CORPORATE DIRECTOR ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES MATTHEW KERSHAW PLACE BASED LEADER FOR HEALTH, CROYDON
LEAD MEMBER:	COUNCILLOR YVETTE HOPLEY HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE
AUTHORITY TO TAKE DECISION:	Approving submission of the plan to NHS England sits within the legislative remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
WARDS AFFECTED:	All

1 SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is one of the government's national vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It requires Place Based NHS Integrated Care Board's and local government to agree a joint plan, owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). These plans enable using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006).
- 1.2 On 21 November 2022 the government announced details of a £500m grant to support discharge into adult social care, and that should be managed through the Better Care Fund. 40% going directly to the local authority, 60% to the Integrated Care Board.
- 1.3 The total Croydon grant allocation is set out below and must be used by 31 March 2023. Submission of the approved plan to NHS England is due on 16 December 2022.

NHS ICB Contribution	£1.519m
<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>£1.168m</u>
Total	£2.687m

- 1.4 Due to extremely demanding reporting deadlines, Croydon's health and care system partners are still developing the schemes and costs that the grant will fund. These will be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 15 December 2022.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.5 This report recommends that the Health and Wellbeing Board ratify the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund schemes as an addendum to the previously submitted 2022/23 Better Care Fund submission to NHS England.

2 USES OF THE FUND

What are the funds for?

- Enable more people to be discharged to an appropriate setting with adequate and timely support.
- Prioritised approaches must be effective in freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds and reducing the beds days lost.

What can the funds not be used for?

- Compensate expenditure already incurred, or activities the local authority has earmarked or allocated expenditure, or to fund inflationary pressures.
- Admission prevention or avoidance.

Scheme types

- Assistive Technology or equipment.
- Home care (hours or workforce development).
- Bed based care (step down from hospital).
- Home based reablement.
- Residential placements.
- Increase hours of existing work force (including covering childcare, overtime).
- Improve retention of existing work force (retention bonuses, incentive payments).
- Additional or redeployed capacity from existing workforce.
- Local recruitment initiatives (local staff banks, redeploy other LA staff).

3 NEXT STEPS – IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- 3.1 Submission of the approved plan to NHS England is due on 16 December 2022.
 - 3.2 The fund will be monitored through fortnightly activity reports to be provided to Department of Health and Social Care, setting out what activities have been delivered in line with commitments in the spending plans.
 - 3.3 The first report will need to be submitted two weeks after the spending plans have been submitted, on 30th December 2022.
 - 3.4 System partners will track, monitor, and report on spend via organisational budget monitoring, and to the One Croydon Senior Executive Group.
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APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT

Schemes to be funded will be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board and made available after the meeting.