

Title of Meeting: Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing & Social Care Decision Meeting

Date: 19 March 2019

Subject: Update on the Winter pressure funding for 2018/19

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The number of patients at Portsmouth Hospital's Trust (PHT) who have been declared medically fit for discharge, but who are still in hospital, had, before the 2018 Winter Pressure Funded schemes commissioned (detailed within appendix 2), fluctuated between 200 - 250 patients (at its peak) across the Portsmouth and Southeast Hampshire health and care system. This was leading to the increase of the risk of clinical harm to patients and had a long term impact on the reablement potential of people, which in turn reduced the ability of Adult Social Care (ASC) to reduce the on-going cost of care.
- 1.2 Table 1 (appendix 1) provides a snapshot of the number of medically fit patients waiting to leave the acute hospital, the QA, and how many bed days were being lost for both Portsmouth and Hampshire. Table 2 (appendix 1) shows the present situation as the system now considers what is required to deliver greater performance heading into Spring 19.
- 1.3 These tables are only a snapshot in time. The additional tables (appendix 1) show the change in variation achieved through the winter funding that was provided. Unfortunately the data does not demonstrate a consistent reduction in the numbers of patients medically fit to leave the hospital. However, table 5 (appendix 1) shows an increase in demand for Adult Services during this period of time with the number of patients becoming medically fit increasing. This demonstrates that the funding allowed for sustained performance levels in the face of increasing demand but did fail to meet the anticipated targets the funding was predicated upon.

2 Background

- 2.1 Funding was sought to temporarily increase capacity within the Portsmouth Rehabilitation and Reablement Team along with extra domiciliary care capacity to deliver a further 23 care spaces within their service. This included additional social workers and therapy staff. The part year (Sept to March '19) investment requirement was £1,373,952 (Table 7) and included sustaining existing additional capacity that was already in place plus new

additional capacity being requested for winter 2018. The PCC funding element was £599,977.

3. Delivery

- 3.1 Key performance measures were put in place and monitored weekly. Adult Services assured itself that the additional care capacity the funding was to provide was delivered and utilised. However, there has been no overall sustained improvement seen in the QA Hospital Bed Occupancy level, which means there are people waiting within the QA to receive community support to leave, which continues to have an impact on the hospitals ability to manage its demand. This is a mixture of Adult Services and other organisations responsibilities.
- 3.2 However, rather than considering the winter funding as failing to address the bed gap in the QA hospital, it has enabled the Council to meet an increase in demand to support people to return and remain at home that we would not have otherwise have been able to manage whilst continuing to reduce residential and nursing placements.
- 3.3 The health and care system for Portsmouth and Southeast Hampshire are now being asked to put forward proposals for continuing to sustain current levels of performance and to achieve a greater reduction in numbers of medically fit patients remaining in the QA hospital as we move into the Spring 19. This will form the basis of a separate report and proposal to be considered at a later time.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Winter 2018 supporting tables.

Appendix 2 - Re-ablement and Home First 201 Proposal

Background list of documents:

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	