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Title of meeting:	Health, Wellbeing & Social Care
Subject:	Portsmouth Health & care Discharge to Assess Model
Date of meeting:	31 January 2023
Report by:	Simon Nightingale, Assistant Director, Health & Care Services
Wards affected:	All

1. Requested by

Councillor Matthew Winnington, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing & Social Care

2. Purpose

- a) To update Members on the progress of the planning in response to the request from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to support the Portsmouth and Southeast Hampshire, (PSEH) Local Delivery System¹ (LDS) Remedial Action Plan for reducing ambulance holds at PHU funded through the recently announced £500m Adult Social Care Discharge Fund, which forms part of the Government's 'Plan for our Patients'².

3. Information Requested

A £500 million fund has been announced by the Government³ to support discharge from hospital into the community and bolster the social care workforce, to free up beds for patients who need them.

The funding will be pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF) and paid partly to Integrated Care Boards, (ICB) and partly to Local Authorities. The funding will be provided in 2 tranches – the first (40%) in December 2022, and the second (60%) by the end of January 2023 for areas that have provided a planned spending report and fortnightly activity data and have met the conditions of the funding. Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB has received an allocation of £12.4m. For Portsmouth City Council, our allocation is £742,014.00.

The fund can be used flexibly by local health and care systems, targeting the areas facing the greatest challenges and strengthening the sector's ability to recruit and retain staff. This

¹ The organisations that work around an acute hospital.

² [Our plan for patients - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/our-plan-for-patients)

³ [Letter to the health and social care sector from the Minister for Care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/letter-to-the-health-and-social-care-sector-from-the-minister-for-care)

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is expected to improve pathways for people leaving hospital when they are ready, and with the right care and support in place.

As part of ICB winter planning and in response to the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund, a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) has been developed by the ICB to reduce pressure experienced by the South Coast Ambulance Service (SCAS) when delayed transferring patients to Portsmouth Hospital University Trust (PHUT).

Adult Services are proposing the following schemes in response to the plan and available funding, to be in place until March 2023. These include increasing home care block contract to ensure care is available when needed and increasing social work capacity to complete timely assessments leading to more efficient use of Discharge to Assess, (D2A) resources.

Scheme ID	Scheme Name	Brief Description of Scheme (including impact on reducing delayed discharges).	Source of Funding	Planned Expenditure (£)
PCC 1	Care Assessment Capacity	Recruit locums to reduce delays awaiting Care act assessment	Local authority grant	£136,000
PCC 2	Bridging Care	Increase bridging capacity to support earlier discharges	Local authority grant	£65,824
PCC 3	Care Assessment Capacity	Additional SW Resource	Local authority grant	£151,770
PCC 4	Awaiting Assessment - Dom Care	Support for external client packages awaiting assessment post D2A	Local authority grant	£49,000
PCC 5	Awaiting Assessment - Nur / Red	Support for external client packages awaiting assessment post D2A	Local authority grant	£332,000
PCC 6	Admin	Admin support	Local authority grant	£7,420

A further option to staff the top floor of Shearwater residential home to create up to 16 care beds as part of the RAP was considered but not taken forward due to uncertainty of demand for this type of provision to support discharge / admission avoidance. Since that decision, Shearwater is now being used to support the closure of East Cosham House which happened recently so cannot be reconsidered for the RAP at this time.

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As part of the wider Portsmouth RAP, the ICB are also intending to fund additional Nursing Home beds within Mary Rose Manor in the city and increase capacity for home based reablement through Portsmouth Rehab and Reablement Team (PRRT). This funding is still to be confirmed but is expected to be made available to progress the actions before Christmas.

After this report was drafted, the government [announced](#) a further £200 million funding for discharging patients from hospital beds into 'step down beds' and made a [statement](#) to the House of Commons that confirmed these arrangements.

On 13/1/23, the government published [guidance](#) around this fund. Whilst this is an evolving picture, the money will be allocated to ICB, with Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB receiving £6 million in additional funding. The guidance suggests that the care home beds and any clinical support required will be purchased directly by the ICB and includes the requirement that:

- ICBs must work with local authorities to ensure that an appropriate, locally benchmarked, rate is paid for care funded through these arrangements, with rates set at a level that does not lead to local inflation in the cost of care.
- Any costs that the NHS or local authorities incur on care from week five onward, until ongoing care requirements and funding routes have been determined, must be met from existing local budgets.
- In all cases, arrangements for procuring additional bedded capacity should be made with the full involvement of local authority partners, taking account of wider pressures on the care market.

At time of writing we do not have a clear picture of what this means for Portsmouth residents.

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Signed by (Director)

Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

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	Location

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