

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

TITLE: Adult Social Care Discharge Fund 2022-23

Portfolio Holder:

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Purpose of the Report

To provide the Health & Wellbeing Board with details of the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund 2022-23 and to obtain retrospective sign off in line with the requirements of the national conditions.

Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

1. That the Health & Wellbeing Board approves the content of the Oldham Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan
2. That the Health & Wellbeing Board notes that schedule 8 of the Section 75 agreement, pertaining to the Better Care Fund, will be amended to reflect this funding.

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1. Background

- 1.1 In September 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) announced £500m of temporary funding nationally to support timely and safe discharge from hospital into the community by reducing the number of people delayed in hospital awaiting social care. In November 2022, the funding allocations and detailed grant conditions were published, including the requirement to spend the funding by the 31st March 2023 and submit fortnightly activity and spend returns, the first of which is required on 6th January 2023.
- 1.2 DHSC allocated part of the funding directly to local authorities, and part of the funding to Integrated Care Boards (ICB), with a requirement for ICB's to agree its distribution with local authority partners, dependent on local context and challenges. The full grant conditions and allocations can be found [here](#). The funding will flow to the local authority as a supplement to the Better Care Fund.
- 1.3 The funds for Oldham, allocated directly to the local authority are £935,295. The funds allocated to Oldham via Greater Manchester NHS Integrated Care are £1,638,593. Funding is paid in two tranches, the first in December and the second in January, subject to completion of the first monitoring return.
- 1.4 A planning template was required to be submitted by 16th December 2022, setting out how the funds would be used, and signed off by:
- The place based lead – Mike Barker
 - The Director of Adult Social Care – Jayne Ratcliffe
 - The Section 151 Officer – Anne Ryans
 - The place based finance lead – Kate Rigden
 - Integrated Care Board Chief Executive – Mark Fisher

This is attached at Appendix 1 and summarized at section 2.1 below.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 As a locality and in the context of Greater Manchester, Oldham performs well in respect of timely hospital discharge, but this comes at a cost, particularly in relation to home care packages, care home placements and equipment. Capacity in the care sector is significantly challenged at present, with workforce availability cited as the greatest contributing factor. The proposals included within the planning template reflect these challenges, and are summarized in the table below:

Scheme	Tranche 1	Tranche 2
Retention of home care packages for up to 2 weeks of hospital stay, to facilitate speedier discharge	£20,000	
£50/week/placement Discharge to Assess premium	£100,000	
Contribution to overall cost of home care packages, care home placements and equipment supporting hospital discharge	£780,118	
Bank holiday incentives to pay home care staff double time	£129,000	£204,177
Discharge to Assess cost of short stay assessment placements and assessment costs		£380,000
Workforce incentives to care homes and home care providers (covered by a grant agreement, guidance and reporting of use)		£934,270
Cost of administration (up to 1% of the grant)		£25,730
TOTAL	£1,029,118	£1,544,177
GM NHS ICB Funding	£655,000	£983,000
Oldham Council Funding	£374,118	£561,177

2.2 Fortnightly reporting is required to be submitted, providing total activity, discharge specific activity and spend information against the following categories:

- Home care or domiciliary care (long term)
- Bed based intermediate care services
- Reablement in a person's own home
- Care home placements (residential - short term)
- Care home placements (residential - long term)
- Residential placements (complex/nursing)
- Workforce recruitment and retention
- Assistive technology and equipment

2.3 The first return, due on 6th January 2023 also requires baseline information of all local authority funded activity for the period 1st October-31st October 2022.

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- 2.4 A final spending report is required to be submitted to DHSC, alongside the wider end of year BCF report by 2nd May 2023.
 - 2.5 The Section 75 agreement, which deals with the Better Care Fund is required to be amended to incorporate the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Health & Wellbeing Board approves the content of the Oldham Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Plan
- 3.2 That the Health & Wellbeing Board notes that schedule 8 of the Section 75 agreement, pertaining to the Better Care Fund, will be amended to reflect this funding.

Appendix 1 – Oldham HWB (Adult Social Care Discharge Fund Planning Template)