



<b>Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission</b> 8 February 2023 <b>Impact of new hospital discharge funding scheme - briefing from Adult Services - VERBAL REPORT</b>	Item No <b>7</b>
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### PURPOSE OF ITEM

To receive an update from the Group Director AHI on the current status of the latest Hospital Discharge Funding Schemes and how they might impact on Hackney. This is an evolving situation hence a verbal update.

### OUTLINE

On 9 Jan 2023 the SoS for Health allocated an additional £200m discharge fund to Integrated Care Systems nationally. This was publicised as the NHS purchasing additional social care beds. This is on top of a November announcement of what is normally called 'winter pressures' funding.

On 18 Nov 2022, the Government announced £500m to support social care to speed up discharge across mental and physical health pathways. The spend has to be incurred to 31 March 23. The funding is also to be pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF), so both elements of this funding must be agreed between local health and social care leaders. The Partners were required to submit a planned spending report by 16 December '22 with Health & Wellbeing Board signoff followed afterwards. The spending of that tranche was as follows:

Total Allocation: Hackney - £1,974,856 City of London - £86,165

On 12 January 2023 the **City and Hackney Health and Care Board** agreed the spending on the first tranche and the detailed report on that is here, from p.17

[https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s79842/ACFrOgCgZlb8WALcz-oM2RRi0C6d-dcp8VIXeO9qA89jHqy\\_aMG8Avmh1J8cILLzQPAtdH9bzPNk8qaPwcaZ3aoSluD8k1NLovqY.pdf](https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s79842/ACFrOgCgZlb8WALcz-oM2RRi0C6d-dcp8VIXeO9qA89jHqy_aMG8Avmh1J8cILLzQPAtdH9bzPNk8qaPwcaZ3aoSluD8k1NLovqY.pdf)

Adult Services have been awaiting further information and regulations on the additional funding.

This issue has achieved national media attention because delayed discharges of care in some trusts nationally have been significant.

Members have had concerns about about the haste and effectiveness of this spending and the impact on local systems, such as:

- a) Will the new system circumvent current arrangements if NHSE decides to pay care homes directly using the latest urgent £200m fund.
- b) How does this latest accelerated discharge fund align with earlier funding announcements.
- c) Can we assume all those discharged would accept temporary moves into care homes and what if they don't? Can it always be even appropriate?
- d) What follow up is there for patients in care homes paid for directly by NHSE when that funding runs out, is it then back on to councils? What about managing patient expectations?
- e) Are there capacity issues and how are Adult Services and the Homerton performing vis a vis others?

Attending for this item will be:

**Helen Woodland**, Group Director Adults Health and Integration  
**Georgina Diba**, Director Adult Social Care and Operations

## **ACTION**

Members are requested to give consideration to the discussion.