

Q4 22/23 Discharge Funding & 23/24 -24/25 National Delivery Plan for Recovering Urgent and Emergency Care Services

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£200m discharge funding for Q4 22/23

- In January 2023 NHSE announced £200m of funding to support discharge to the end of March 2023. This equated to £7.15m for NEL
- Initially the money was limited to use for step down beds only –
 which would have severely limited our ability to use it
- NHSE have subsequently extended the parameters to include care packages delivered in people's homes.
- We have worked collectively to identify a small number of step down beds across NEL (c. 20 beds split across inner and outer NEL)
- This totaled £888k, the remaining monies were split across the boroughs, based on the proportion of older people living in each borough (see table on left)
- Most boroughs are using the funding for reablement and care packages in people's homes
- Whilst investment in discharge is welcome, we have fed back to NHSE that the very short time-frames around use of the money make it difficult to realise its full benefits

	split of £500m (across both allocations)	Split by place of the £200m
Barking		
and		
Dagenham	11%	675,158
City and		
Hackney	14%	894,922
Havering	16%	100,2997
Newham	16%	984,714
Redbridge	15%	959,226
Tower		
Hamlets	14%	890,632
Waltham		
Forest	14%	854,350

National Delivery Plan for Recovering Urgent and Emergency Services

- NHSE have published a <u>two year plan for recovering urgent and</u> <u>emergency care (UEC) services</u>
- The plan includes two ambitions for the next two years
- 30-minute mean response time for Category 2 ambulance
- 76% performance in A&E wait times, measured through the 4-hour target.

There are 5 ambitions within the Plan

- 1. Increase Capacity: £1bn to fund 5000 new beds, 800 new ambulances, increased Same Day Emergency Care (non bed based) capacity in hospitals
- 2. Growing the Workforce: more 111 staff and emergency medical technicians. More flexible working and a campaign targeting retired clinicians to work in 111
- 3. Speeding up Discharge: £1.6bn investment in social care, mobilise 'Care Transfer Hubs' in all hospitals, increased access to therapies (including in advance of discharge) and more published data on discharge
- **4. New or increased services in community**: urgent community response, frailty and falls services, and greater use of Virtual wards
- 5. People access right care first time: 111 is the first point of call for all issues, including mental health

Funding

To support the recovery plan, the government has committed to additional targeted funding including:

- 1. £1 billion of dedicated funding for 2023/24 to support capacity in urgent and emergency services, as set out in Planning Guidance, and to increase their overall capacity and support their staff.
- 2. £1.6 billion of additional funding in the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund in 2023/24 and 2024/25, to be pooled into the Better Care Fund
 - This will flow as £600m in 23/24, and £1bn in 24/25
 - We are waiting final confirmation of the allocation but it looks like c. £20m will flow to NEL. 50% of this will be allocated directly to local authorities, the other 50% will flow to the ICB, the ICB can then determine how to allocate this across its places.
 - Further guidance is expected in February with the rules around use of the money and what it needs to deliver.