



# ASC Additional Discharge Funding

## SHEFFIELD PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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<b>Purpose of Paper</b>	
This report provides information relating to the recently announced Adult Social Care Discharge Funding and the process being undertaken in Sheffield Place to ensure effective use of the allocation.	
<b>Key Issues</b>	
<p>The key issues relating to this funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The restrictions to usage within the guidance</li> <li>• The timescales required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sign off and submission of plans before 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022</li> <li>- The limit of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 attached to the funding</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The uncertainty around future funding and any changes to terms or guidance for future years</li> <li>• The availability of data to provide fortnightly evidence of impact from 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022</li> <li>• The need to integrate with existing discharge plans at pace to ensure maximum benefit</li> </ul>	
<b>Is your report for Approval/Consideration/Noting</b>	
Noting	
<b>Recommendations/Action Required by the Sheffield Partnership Board</b>	
<p>The Sheffield Partnership Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the update around the process being undertaken.</li> <li>• Note the assurance process put in place to ascertain impact and value for money</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise whether future updates are required to this Board relating to this funding</li> </ul>	
<b>What assurance does this report provide to the Sheffield Partnership Board in relations to the ambitions of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2024</b>	
	Please ✓
Every child achieves a level of development in their early year for the best start in life	
Every child is included in their education and can access their local school	
Every child and young person has a successful transition to independence	
Everyone has access to a home that supports their health	
Everyone has a fulfilling occupation and the resources to support their needs	
Everyone can safely walk or cycle in their local area regardless of age or ability	
Everyone has equitable access to care and support shaped around them	
Everyone has the level of meaningful social contact that they want	
Everyone lives the end of their life with dignity in the place of their choice	
<b>Are there any Resource Implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?</b>	
The funding allows for a 1% allocation to administration and reporting of the programmes	
<b>Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?</b>	
n/a	
<b>Have you involved patients, carers and the public in the preparation of the report?</b>	
n/a	

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### 1. Background:

The Autumn Budget Statement on the 17<sup>th</sup> November included the announcement of a national ASC Discharge Fund in 2022/23 of £500m nationally. Additional information and limited guidance were then released to confirm local allocations to Sheffield Place of £5.6m, split £3.3m of the SYICB allocation and £2.3m directly allocated to Sheffield City Council, which will be phased into two tranches. 60% will be made available on submission of an approved plan and the following 40% early in the new year, following NHSE oversight of the December submission.

### 2. Terms of the Funding:

The funding has been allocated with very clear guidance around timescales of the funding and the allowable uses with which it will be released. The key restrictions to note are:

- The funding can only be used for interventions that best enable the discharge of patients from hospital to the most appropriate location for their ongoing care
- The funding may not be used for schemes aimed at admission avoidance
- Mental Health services may be included within plans where they are proven to support discharge
- The funding may not be spent upon core primary care services, acute services or to support core community or social care services, although additional capacity which can be clearly evidenced may be allowable
- The funding will cover services and packages of care from the date of the plans being approved to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- The schemes must be monitorable with fortnightly reporting around packages of care, discharges facilitated and criteria to reside numbers

### **3. The approach within Sheffield Place:**

Within Sheffield Place there are strong relationships across statutory and VCSE partners with regards discharge planning and delivery. While the national requirement is to include this funding as part of the Better Care Fund arrangements and S75 agreement, Sheffield has also chosen to give oversight of the schemes to the Sheffield System Discharge Implementation Group (SSDIG), where all partners and NHSE are represented. This will allow decisions to be taken collaboratively and for any blockers to progress to be removed as part of an integrated process.

In previous years a number of schemes and actions have been trailed and implemented by system providers and partners to help reduce discharge delays, increase capacity to support timely discharge and increase post discharge support. The learning from the impact assessments and evaluation of the scheme appraisals will be used to ensure this additional funding builds upon that learning. Where there are permissible options in the national guidance, but previous schemes haven't appraised well or had minimal impact in Sheffield, they have been discounted as not being a viable best value option for funding at this time.

BAF funding was received earlier in 2022/23 to support discharges which recurrently released acute bed capacity. Sheffield partners have agreed that the additional funding would not duplicate the areas targeted by this investment and that the two programmes would be monitored in isolation to allow the effectiveness of each to be understood.

A long list of potential discharge support schemes has been identified and are currently being costed and reviewed against the current system pressure areas, the key discharge and flow risks identified by the system and against the following five locally determined criteria:

- 1) The testing of technology enabled care and assistive technology
- 2) Additional support to simple discharge pathways including expansion of existing service capacity to enable a home first approach wherever possible
- 3) Support for complex discharges through a co-ordinated and integrated holistic approach to personalised discharge planning
- 4) Promote system resilience through a personalised and outcome focused discharge model
- 5) Administration requirements to meet monitoring of impact (max 1%)

While the deadline for the funding has been clearly stated as 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 Sheffield Place are taking the opportunity to maximise the potential from this funding and test different ways of working including dual run alternative services with a view to ascertaining a better understanding of which proposals could be implemented longer term when future funding guidance is announced. Each scheme lead has been asked to determine how best to use the remaining months of 2022/23 to create a foundation to build upon going forward. It is for this reason that block funding payments to Providers has been discounted, as previously it has not proven possible to assess the impact of the funding and is not a sustainable model for future years.

While the funding may not be used to directly fund acute or Primary Care services the changes to processes and practices will generate a positive benefit to those areas and help improve the behaviours and working practices within the system as a whole.

The decision has been taken to keep the administration process light touch to avoid taking key personnel away from delivery and business as usual requirements. A lead has been identified for each scheme who will liaise with their colleagues across the Place partnerships to create an overview plan detailing the risk being targeted, how their scheme provides mitigations, the outcomes expected, how these will be monitored, and the resources required to deliver. This will be reviewed fortnightly alongside the national reporting requirements and changes required to enhance the schemes will be validated by SSDIG and approved by the Executive-to-Executive leads at the commissioning organisations, in line with the Better Care Fund requirements.

#### **4. Next Steps:**

To allow the pace required by the guidance timescales a small team has been identified to collate the proposed schemes, review the resource requirements alongside the funding and make an initial proposal to SSDIG and the Executive-to-Executive leads for their consideration and approval. The final system plan will then be presented for comment and approval to the Chair of the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board before submission on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to NHSE.

The same team will be responsible for co-ordinating the required fortnightly returns to NHSE, raising issues, reviewing key risks alongside the mitigating actions to be taken and providing confirmation that best use of resources are being maintained. This will be reported to the membership of SSDIG and to the Executive-to-Executive as required.

#### **5. Recommendations:**

The Sheffield Partnership Board is asked to:

- Note the update around the process being undertaken.
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- Advise whether future updates are required to this Board relating to this funding