

# Decision Pathway – Report



**PURPOSE:** Key decision

**MEETING:** Cabinet

**DATE:** 24 January 2023

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Adult Social Care Discharge Grant</b>		
<b>Ward(s)</b>	All wards		
<b>Author:</b> Stephen Beet	<b>Job title:</b> Director of Adult Social Care		
<b>Cabinet lead:</b> Councillor Helen Holland, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and the Integrated Care System	<b>Executive Director lead:</b> Hugh Evans, Executive Director Adults and Communities		
<b>Proposal origin:</b> BCC Staff			
<b>Decision maker:</b> Cabinet Member <b>Decision forum:</b> Cabinet			
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>  To note the urgent key decision taken to approve the spending plan for the £1.69m allocated to Bristol City Council by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) for the financial year 22/23 to alleviate delays to discharging people from hospital when they are fit to leave.			
<b>Evidence Base:</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nationally there are challenges in ensuring timely discharge from Acute and Community Health settings. To address this an additional funding allocation has been made available to all health and social care systems in England.</li> <li>2. The Adult Social Care Discharge Fund was released to Local Authorities and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) on the 18 November 2022. The funding allocations will be administered via the Better Care Fund for 2022/3 and be pooled in the existing section 75 agreement with the NHS.</li> <li>3. The purpose of the grant is to support local authorities to do the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable more people to be discharged to an appropriate setting, including from mental health inpatient settings, with adequate and timely social care support as required.</li> <li>• Prioritise those approaches that are most effective in freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds and reducing bed days lost within the funding available. D2A and provision of homecare is recognised as an effective option for discharging more people in a safe and timely manner. Residential care to meet complex health and care needs may be more appropriate for people who have been waiting to be discharged for a long time.</li> <li>• Boost general adult social care workforce capacity through recruitment and retention, where that will help to reduce delayed discharges. This could include, but is not limited to, measures which: increase hours worked by existing workforce; improve retention of existing workforce; provide additional or redeployed capacity from current care workers; or support local recruitment initiatives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. The funds are intended to target improvements in 'Discharge to Assess' over the winter period. They have to be committed and used by March 2023.</li> <li>5. The funding released to Bristol City Council makes up just part of the c.£11m grant allocated across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire to the ICB (circa £8m) and the other two local authorities (circa £1.6m) between North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.</li> </ol>			

6. Cabinet authorised the Council’s S.151 Officer to accept the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund of £1.69m on the 6 December 2022 via the Finance Exception Report for P7. The report stated ‘Approval of an emergency decision regarding the spending plan which is due by 16 December 2022 will come to Cabinet in January 2023.’
7. The detail of the spending plan is attached to this report at Appendix A.

**Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the emergency key decision taken by the Executive Director Adults and Communities to take all steps required to spend the funding (including entering into grant agreements) in accordance with the spending plan for the £1.69m Adult Social Care Discharge Fund which was submitted on the 16th December 2022 as outlined in this report and appendix A.

**Corporate Strategy alignment:**

This funding will support delivery of the Health & Wellbeing theme, through investing in services that will ensure people receive the most appropriate support to leave hospital. It will support the ambition to offer the right level of support to people in a way that maximises their health, independence and wellbeing. There will be a focus on preventative measures and short-term, early interventions that have been co-created with people and the VCSE sector providing holistic, person-centred support as part of an integrated health and social care system. Should longer term care be required, we will explore innovative approaches to ensure that people regain and retain independence as much as possible.

**City Benefits:**

The additional funding will support patients being discharged earlier and back to their own homes, wherever possible. This will not directly reduce health inequalities.

**Consultation Details:**

1. Report to the BNSSG ICB Chief Executive Meeting on 15 December 2022
2. The fortnightly monitoring of the activity plans will also be undertaken at the BNSSG ICB Chief Executive meetings
3. The Spending plans will also be considered via the three Health and Wellbeing Boards
4. The spending plans will be developed following engagement with the Care Sector, Commissioning Leads and signed off by the Directors of Adult Social Care and the Chief Operating Officers across BNSSG

**Background Documents:**

1. [Urgent key decision 161222 - bristol.gov.uk](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/news/urgent-key-decision-161222)
2. [Adult Social Care Discharge Fund - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/adult-social-care-discharge-fund)
3. [Letter to the health and social care sector from the Minister for Care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/letter-to-the-health-and-social-care-sector-from-the-minister-for-care)
4. [Addendum to the 2022 to 2023 Better Care Fund policy framework and planning requirements - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/addendum-to-the-2022-to-2023-better-care-fund-policy-framework-and-planning-requirements)

<b>Revenue Cost</b>	£1.69m	<b>Source of Revenue Funding</b>	Adult Social Care Discharge Fund
<b>Capital Cost</b>	£N/A	<b>Source of Capital Funding</b>	N/A
<b>One off cost</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ongoing cost</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Saving Proposal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Income generation proposal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

**Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:**

**1. Finance Advice:** This report seeks approval to spend the £1.69m of Adult Social Care Discharge Funding. This is time limited funding which must be spent by 31 March 2023, to facilitate timely hospital discharges. Expenditure proposals are outlined at Appendix A and are in accordance with funding conditions. The funding will be pooled as

part of the Better Care Fund with BNSSG ICB and these plans were approved by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

**Finance Business Partner:** Denise Hunt 14 December 2022

**2. Legal Advice:** Any relevant procurement process to spend the funding must be conducted in line with the 2015 Procurement Regulations and the Councils own procurement rules.

**Legal Team Leader:** Husinara Jones, Team Manager/Solicitor 19 December 2022

**3. Implications on IT:** I can see no implications on IT in regard to this activity.

**IT Team Leader:** Alex Simpson – Senior Solution Architect 23 December 2022

**4. HR Advice:** There are no significant HR implications for Bristol City Council employees arising from this report

**HR Business Partner:** Lorna Laing 14 December 2022

<b>EDM Sign-off</b>	Hugh Evans, Executive Director: Adults and Communities	16 December 2022
<b>Cabinet Member sign-off</b>	Councillor Helen Holland, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Integrated Care System	4 January 2023
<b>For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off</b>	Mayor's Office	4 January 2023

<b>Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal</b> Detailed spending plan submitted on the 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	<b>YES</b>
<b>Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix D – Risk assessment</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix G – Financial Advice</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix H – Legal Advice</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix I – Exempt Information</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix J – HR advice</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix K – ICT</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix L – Procurement</b>	<b>NO</b>