

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	18 July 2023
Title:	Health and Social Care System Resilience 2022/23
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

1.1 Cabinet is asked to note:

- i) That overall discharge performance remains good with the County Council's contribution to both the commissioning and operational delivery landscape remaining strong and impactful against a backdrop of continuing high service demand from across the Acute hospitals serving Hampshire residents.
- ii) The efforts of all staff and partner organisations working across the two Integrated Care Boards (ICB's) in maintaining safe, appropriate, and resilient discharge pathways, within a new national operating framework that was introduced at pace in the early stages of Covid in 2020 and has developed since proving to be both resilient and responsive.
- iii) That a new national discharge fund was announced in the Autumn statement of 2022 which pointed to growing levels of financial support across 2023/24 and into the 2024/25, all of which should result in close to £21million of funding being available for next financial year to the County Council and the two ICBs serving Hampshire residents.
- iv) As welcome as the new national discharge fund is, it is estimated to be in the order of £10million short of the funding that has been required to support service demand levels and other discharge related service costs seen in recent years in Hampshire. Furthermore, with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight (HIOW) ICB being in Tier 4 financial recovery due to their financial deficit, there is greater focus on this funding and scrutiny on the services it provides. It is clear from discussions to date that this will inevitably lead to all of the discharge services, inclusive of those commitments that the NHS has with their own community health providers, being reviewed and overall spending reduced to fit within the grant envelope. This process will require careful managing and robust monitoring regarding progress and impacts. Without corresponding discharge service performance improvements and reduced Acute hospital urgent care demand, the service reductions are almost certain to impact on the flow of patients from the 5 hospitals serving Hampshire residents and

are likely to lead to greater pressures on Adult Social Care in the form of greater exposure to long-term care costs.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the key activities undertaken across the Health and Social Care system to maintain system resilience in the discharge of Hampshire residents from hospital settings.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 None

4 Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6 Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable

7 Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

18 July 2023

Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Rob Humby