

**WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH & WELLBEINGBOARD**  
**Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 9.00 am**  
**Venue: Francis Crick House, Summerhouse Road, Moulton Park, Northampton**

Present:

Councillor Matthew Golby (Chair)	Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, West Northamptonshire Council
Dr Santiago Dargallonieto	Chair, Northampton GP Locality
Naomi Eisenstadt	Chair, NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board
Rhosyn Harris	Consultant in Public Health, West Northants Council
Jean Knight	Chief Operating Officer, Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
Stuart Lackenby	Executive Director for People Services, West Northants Council
Cllr Emma Roberts	West Northants Council
Toby Sanders	Chief Executive, NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board
Dr David Smart	Retired GP

Also, Present

Cheryl Bird, Health and Wellbeing Board Business Manager

53/22 Apologies

Dr Andy Rathborne, Primary Care Network  
 Cllr Fiona Baker, Cabinet Member Children and Families, West Northants Council  
 Alan Burns, Chair University Group of Hospitals, Northamptonshire  
 Sally Burns, Director of Public Health, West Northants Council  
 Neelam Aggarwal-Singh, BAME representative  
 Anna Earnshaw, Chief Executive, West Northants Council  
 Colin Foster, Chief Executive, Northamptonshire Childrens Trust  
 Dr Shaun Hallam, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Northants Fire and Rescue  
 Michael Jones, Divisional Director, EMAS  
 Nicci Marzec, Director of Prevention, Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner  
 Cllr Jonathan Nunn, Leader, West Northants Council

Wendy Patel, Healthwatch Northamptonshire  
Professor Jacqueline Parkes, University of Northampton  
Cllr Wendy Randall, West Northants Council  
Colin Smith, Chief Executive, Local Medical Committee  
Dr Philip Stevens, Chair, Daventry and South Northants Locality Board  
ACC Ashley Tuckley, Northamptonshire Police

#### 54/22 Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting

None received.

#### 55/22 Declaration of members' interests

None received.

#### 56/22 Additional Discharge Funding

The Executive Director for Peoples Services introduced the additional Discharge Fund item and highlighted the following:

- On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 central government announced a £500 million investment for 2022/2023 to support safe and effective hospital discharges, from acute settings, community hospitals, and re-ablement beds.
- The narrative pertaining to the local allocation was received approximately two weeks ago.
- 40% of the £500 million allocation is distributed to local authorities, 60% distributed to Integrated Care Boards. The expectation is that locally this resource is pooled into the Better Care Fund (BCF), in order to support the objectives of the discharge fund.
- The total allocation for Northamptonshire is £4.7 million, £1.2 million is for West Northants Council, £1.05 million for North Northants Council. The allocation has a range of caveats around how the funds can be spent and must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
- There will be further re-current funding from central government for the following two years, but the amount of funding has not been confirmed.
- A submission must be completed through the local BCF by the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- The Northamptonshire submission will be a range of reactive schemes to support discharges and will not be able to tackle the reasons why there are delayed discharges in hospitals.
- The first tranche of funding will be received in December and a subsequent tranche of money in January. To access the second tranche of funding, 40% of the first tranche must be spent by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
- We are currently evaluating our business as usual capacity, and the additionality in schemes completed throughout the year to ensure they are effective and provide additional capacity.
- Part of the conditions in the performance indicators attached to this funding is the requirement to demonstrate a reduction in the percentage of those medically fit for discharge occupying a bed within acute hospitals. There must be an increase in discharges across pathways 1, 2 and 3, support initiatives that enable us to recruit and retain staff.
- We are looking at how incentives can be put in place for independent care providers to enable them to work seven days particularly through Christmas.
- One of the caveats attached to this funding is that it cannot be used for admission avoidance.

- We are looking to prioritise interventions that have the biggest benefit and some of the interventions that will be included in the plan have already started to mobilise, which has started to help with pathway one discharges.
- Consultation has taken place with trade unions and provider forums have been held. Any funding that is passed to private providers will have grant conditions that the resource will be passed onto front line staff.
- At NGH there are 70 people across all pathways who are medically fit for discharge. The plan will clear these 70 people and maintain business as usual to stop development of another discharge queue.
- The re-ablement team will shorten the length of time they will work with a person from six weeks to three weeks to increase the amount of people coming through the service.
- From now to the 31<sup>st</sup> March the level of conversations will be focusing on delivering against these metrics. If one of the schemes is not working as it should there will be opportunities to have a discussion to re-frame the scheme.

The Board discussed the additional discharge funding and the following was highlighted:

- Daventry and South Northants are struggling with capacity in their frailty teams, due to the rural nature of the area. The frailty project with external funding of £6 million has provided a saving of £12 million for the health and care system, could some of this funding be used to support the frailty team to assist with hospital discharges that require additional support.
- The iCAN collaborative are looking at how the frailty teams can be expanded and mobilised in 2023. Confirmation on the funding from the Department of Health is awaited.
- Chief Executives and Primary Care leads are looking to see if there are schemes that will be more primary care facing that can be legitimately contribute to the defined scope of this funding.
- The system will be held to account on the impact the schemes will have.
- There will be a real opportunity to invest in some of the schemes moving forwards.
- The Chief Executives for health and care will meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> December to review the proposed schemes before submission on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- We have good modelling for hospital bed capacity but we have not mapped out the capacity and flow from the acute sector into different settings. This will take place in parallel with the bed clearance and base line capacity across different settings and pathways.
- Will there be some structures modelled to provide more sustainability and measure the flow into community settings.
- This is the first time this has been for mental health beds have been included in this funding, and there is a need to quickly identify what will work.

#### **Resolved that:**

- **The Board agreed to delegate final approval of the initial spending plan to the Chair and Director of People Services in consultation with a nominated representatives from Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board and West Northamptonshire Council to ensure compliance with the conditions set out by the Department of Health and Social Care.**
- **Details of the schemes will be brought to the next Board meeting.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 am.