

**Report of the Cabinet Member
Adult Social Care & Health Services**

I have been asked to Report on the following for Full Council on 16 February 2023:

1. By Councillor Hannaford as follows:

on the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund, including monies received, how and where it will be used, and expected KPI outcomes.

2. By Councillor Adams as follows:

In the light of reports of proposed closures of Day Care Centres across the county and the reduced the service at the Nichols Centre in Exeter, the Rushbrook in Totnes, and Abbey Rise in Tavistock from 5 days a week to 3 days a week as well as the proposal to merge the New Treetops in Exeter, and Pine Park in Honiton which provide respite care, Please may I have a report from the portfolio holder for Adult Social Care on the following:

- a) Why have numbers of clients attending Day Care dropped?
- b) What are the numbers attending pre and post Covid?
- c) If there are plans to “do things differently” and provide alternative provision how will these plans ensure quality care, broad social contact, consistency, and respite for families who need the services?
- d) How will you ensure, when recruitment is difficult, that continuity, quality of care and support will be upheld?

3. By Councillor Bailey as follows:

Please provide a Cabinet Member report on any live consultations relating to potential reduction/closure of day care and respite facilities in Devon.

Responses

1. Adult Social Care Discharge Fund 2022/23

- Following the announcement of £500m additional national adult social care (ASC) funding in September 2022, planning requirements were defined by NHS England and plans submitted for Devon in December were as follows:

Source	Contribution £
Local Authority allocation	2,979,610
NHS Devon ICB allocation (Devon HWB footprint)	3,796,982
Total	6,776,592

- National guidance states the fund can be used flexibly to best enable the discharge of patients from hospital to the most appropriate location for their ongoing care.

- Funding should prioritise those approaches that are most effective in freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds and reducing bed days lost.
- From the start of the pandemic until the end of March 2022, the government required systems to implement a “discharge to assess” model. This meant the first four weeks of care after leaving hospital was free of charge, enabling the assessment of longer term needs to take place in the most appropriate setting.
- From 1st April 2022, the national funding for this model ceased. NHS Devon and Devon County Council agreed to continue the model and to invest in additional personal care to enable that.
- One-off sources of funds were identified but did not cover the full year effect of costs so the recent grant to Devon enables the current model to continue until the end of the year.
- DCC and the Devon ICB agreed to spend the total available as follows:

Scheme Name	Sub type	ICB £m	DCC £m	Total £m	Volumes
Hospital discharge residential/nursing	Pathway 2: Step down	1.834		1.834	480 packages
Hospital discharge residential/nursing	Pathway 3: Discharge to assess beds	1.963	0.571	2.534	480 packages
Hospital discharge agency	Pathway 1: Additional personal care		2.409	2.409	83,484 hours
Totals (rounded)		3.797	2.98	6.777	

- The ASC Discharge funding is required to be pooled within the Better Care Fund (BCF).
- Progress reports to NHS England commenced in January and are required every two weeks.
- At 1st February total spending was £5.365m. The fund is expected to be fully spent by the end of March 2023.

2. Day Care Centres

a) Why have numbers of clients attending Day Care dropped?

Promoting Independence is a central approach to adult social care in Devon. Our Reaching for Independence Service was developed through engagement with people and families using our services. People told us about their needs, expectations and the aspirations they have; to be independent, to learn life skills and not to be dependent on long-term care. Many people who accessed day care have accessed services provided by our Reaching for Independence team and are achieving outcomes that they could not have achieved in long term day care.

b) **What are the numbers attending pre and post Covid?**

At the start of the pandemic around 85 people were accessing our in-house day care centres, this was 50% of total capacity at the time. Currently there are 17 people accessing our in-house day care centres.

c) **If there are plans to “do things differently” and provide alternative provision how will these plans ensure quality care, broad social contact, consistency, and respite for families who need the services**

We are continually looking at how we can make improvements to all care services provided in Devon to ensure people accessing them can achieve the best outcomes. When we consider making improvements to services; how they are provided, received and the impact they have, we have a statutory obligation to undertake engagement and consultation. We also have a statutory duty to meet Care Act eligible needs and we work flexibly with individuals to do this.

Our overall satisfaction ratings for service users and their quality-of-life indicator based on survey questions about their lived experience were among the best in the country, ranking 15/150 and 5/150 respectively, and our provider quality ratings in Devon judged by the Care Quality Commission exceed the national, regional and comparator authority averages with 79% of community-based services and 89% of care homes in Devon are rated Good or Outstanding.

d) **How will you ensure, when recruitment is difficult, that continuity, quality of care and support will be upheld?**

Recruitment and retention challenges are long standing in adult social care nationally. Locally we have a number of programmes to support recruitment and retention, these include our Proud 2 Care campaigns, our ‘grow your own’ programme, an apprenticeship scheme for social workers and occupational therapist, and also as part of the ICS we have an international recruitment programme.

3. Consultations relating to day care

Any consultations that will need to take place as a result of the final agreed budget will be published week commencing 20 February

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