

# Adults Scrutiny Panel

## 17 October 2023

<b>Report title</b>	<b>Adult Social Care Winter Planning 2023-24</b>
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal
<b>Wards affected</b>	All
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	09.10.23 Cabinet Member Briefing 21.09.23 OneWolverhampton Board Meeting 18.07.23 Strategic Executive Board

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### Recommendation for action:

The Scrutiny Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve the Adult Social planned activity and preparedness for winter 2023/24 as outlined in the PowerPoint Presentation.

### Recommendations for noting:

The Scrutiny Panel is asked to note:

1. The lessons learned from Winter 2022/23
2. The wider system preparedness for Winter 2023

## Background

- 1.0 Winter period is defined by National Health Service England (NHSE) from October to March. Winter is recognised as the one of the biggest pressures for the Health and Care System nationally, last winter 98% of adult social care discharges took place within 48hours. Learning from the successes of last year, we have built on the strength of our partnership working, this has included a full evaluation of schemes that were implemented in the previous winter to inform decision-making. Schemes that proven successful in the previous year have been prioritised for implementation for 23/24 through ASCDF.
- 2.0 Additional short-term money has been made available for Winter 2023/4 nationally Wolverhampton Place was allocated £3,453,504 from the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund for 2023/24. This was allocated as follows:

£2,069,492 for the City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC)  
£1,384,012 for the Integrated Care Board (ICB) Wolverhampton Place

This funding is used to support:

- Increasing Social Care capacity; providing more care packages to more people, in ways that have the greatest possible impact in reducing delayed discharge from hospitals.
- Ensuring local partners can plan services sufficiently far in advance and for providers to develop long-term workforce capacity plans.
- Being used in ways that build on learning from evaluation of the impact of previous discharge funding.
- Allowing Local Authorities, the NHS and the Social Care sector to streamline discharge, assessment and placement processes and help to free up greater Social Worker time and capacity.

## Winter Plan

- 3.0 The winter plan is presented in full on the attached PowerPoint presentation, this is a joint system plan developed by system health and care partners in Wolverhampton and sits within the Integrated Care System Governance.
- 4.0 The key points to note for Adults Scrutiny Panel is the Adult Social Care contribution outlined overleaf:

<b>Scheme / Initiative</b>	<b>Brief Description of Scheme / Initiative</b>	<b>Year 1 (23/24)</b>
<b>Hospital Enhanced Social Work</b>	Additional social worker capacity to support timely assessment and discharge of patients to include out of area hospital discharges.	£440,375
<b>Enhanced PST</b>	Additional brokerage staff capacity to support timely assessment and discharge of patients to include out of area hospital discharges.	£41,000
<b>Home Assisted Reablement Programme</b>	Additional hours of HARP assistance provided for reablement to support discharge and make sure people identified as benefiting from reablement were able to be supported on the correct pathway.	£40,638
<b>Additional OT Capacity</b>	Recruitment of additional OTs to support timely discharge for pathways 1-3.	£300,000
<b>Bariatric Reablement Service</b>	Dedicated service to enable people that are identified as bariatric to access a bed based reablement service as part of their planned return home when it is identified that a home discharge is not possible.	£179,780
<b>Pathway 1 Seasonal Reablement</b>	Contingency funding to support additional winter demand / capacity pressures for Pathway 1 seasonal reablement at home.	£125,000
<b>Pathway 2 Seasonal Spot Beds</b>	Contingency funding to support additional winter demand / capacity pressures.	£400,000
<b>BCHT Mental Health Social Worker</b>	A designated, locality-based, named, mental health social worker to oversee or undertake assessments of patients requiring adult social care support.	£50,473
<b>Community Equipment Stores</b>	Contingency stock of equipment to ensure capacity can meet demand and minimise the chances of delays occurring because community equipment is not available	£52,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		£1,629,766

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