

# Update Report to Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

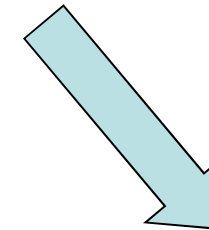
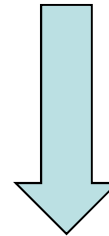
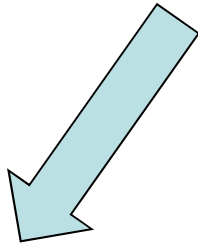


This is a follow up on the previous reports that were presented to HASC on 21 September 2020 and 9 November 2020.

## As requested by HASC this report will;

- Give a further update on the government's arrangement for funding IBCF and will summarise the council's current position.
- There will also be a supplementary presentation with a summary of examples of work arising from START IBCF funding.

## We have aligned our IBCF schemes to



### **Provide Extra Capacity within Adult Social Care**

- Increased number of social workers in the community social work teams
- Additional hours for Brokerage to work at weekends
- Dedicated CHC social workers to support MH prevention work

### **Reduce Pressures on the NHS**

- Social Worker in A and E
- Hospital based Carers Lead
- Additional SW capacity in ICS
- Social Worker linked to frailty.
- Enhance Rapid Response Team (START)
- Additional bed based capacity 19 x nursing beds (D2A)
- Discharge liaison worker at Redwoods S117

### **Ensure that the Local Social Care Provider Market is Supported**

- 4 x Provider Independent Assessors

# The Committee is requested to

- Note that the Council have sight of guidance which confirms the additional Improved Better Care Fund will be rolled forward into 2021/22.
- Note that this will leave a funding gap of £700,000. This presents a budget risk as the Council cannot commit funding to make up the shortfall from base budget.
- Note confirmation of termination of the following 2 contracts on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021
  - Independent Care Home Assessor (ICHA) contract
  - 9x Discharge to Assess (D2A) beds contract

There was extensive consideration of the IBCF schemes and their positive impact on Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC)

Of the 13 schemes funded by the IBCF, the majority deliver staffing posts and additional hours. In order to identify which schemes were to be retained the Council undertook a thorough governance process and impact assessment which determined the schemes for termination.

The following 2 contracts will be terminated on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

- Independent Care Home Assessor (ICHA) contract
- 9x Discharge to Assess (D2A) beds contract

Following presentation to the Joint Commissioning Board on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the recommendations for termination for both of these schemes were approved.

This decision was confirmed by the Joint Commissioning Board on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.

## Provider Feedback

**23% of Care Homes responded**  
(28/120 homes)

**Q1** Do you use the Independent Care Home Assessor (ICHA) Service to support discharge to your care home?

89% said **YES**  
10% **were not aware of the service**  
One commented the **service has changed since Covid**

**Q2** Does the ICHA service provide you with accurate and comprehensive assessment information?

78% said **YES**  
7% **said they had to add information**

**Q3** Does the ICHA service mean you do not need to visit the hospital to carry out your own assessments?

78% said **YES**  
7% said **NO**

17% **Commented that they had to get more information**

**Q4** Does the ICHA service liaise with you regarding needs of individuals prior to discharge?

71% said **YES**  
14% said **NO**

**Q5** Does the ICHA service support people to be discharged in a safe way?

75% said **YES**  
7% said **NO**

**Q6.** Does the ICHA service support people to be discharged in a timely way?

78% said **YES**  
7% said **NO**

**Q7.** If the ICHA service was not available would this impact negatively on discharges to your care home?

21% Said **A LOT**  
57% Said **SOME**  
4% Said **NONE**

Where percentages don't add up to 100 this is due to no answers

## Impact of termination

The Government guidance around Covid in March 2020 directed that there should be no hospital-based assessments. Therefore, since March 2020, patients have been stepped down from the hospital setting without the need for an assessment on the ward.

All assessments now take place outside of the hospital setting regardless of who undertakes the assessment, in a planned way, which mitigates against the urgency of conducting assessments within the acute setting.

As a result of this, the Trusted Assessor role has been significantly different and since March 2020, they have been supporting partners in the integrated hub to process activities around patient discharge.

**The impact of the cessation of the scheme is mitigated by change in practice and Government guidance around Covid.**

## **Impact of termination**

The 9 D2A beds that are funded through the IBCF will be terminated on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

## **Impact on staff**

Providers should be fully prepared for contract cessation and the impact on staffing with providers is unlikely to be significant.





Healthwatch completed a survey with patients from 01/09/20 to 31/12/2020.

The survey aims to gather views and experiences of patients who have been in hospital in the past 6 months. Feedback and learning will be given to system partners.