

Award of Contract for Social Care Beds at Russells Hall Hospital

Report to Cabinet 18 September 2019

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Purpose of the Report

This report request Cabinet approval to enable the Director of Adult Social Care to;

-  Award a contract to the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 12 Social Care discharge beds at Russells Hall Hospital from 1 October 2019 to the 31 March 2020.
-  To extend this contract with Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for a further 2 years subject to availability of funding within the Better Care Fund.



Background and Main Considerations



Care Act 2014

The Care Act and the Care and Support (Discharge of Hospital Patients) Regulations 2014 require Adult Social Care to arrange for the assessment and discharge of individuals fit for discharge within 24 hours of notification. If discharge is not achieved then this can be recorded as a delayed transfer of care.



The longer someone, particularly older people stay in hospital, the less likely it is that they will be able to return home and regain their independence. It is therefore vital that people are not in hospital for any longer than they need to be. However we need to make sure everything is in place to support a safe discharge.



Hospitals also need to ensure that people leave hospital as soon as they are fit to do so. The Hospitals capacity to manage admissions through A&E is dependent upon the efficient flow of patients in and out of the hospital.



Better Care fund



The Better Care Fund (BCF) was announced in 2013 by Central government with the aim to support the transformation and integration of Health and Social Care. A central focus of the Better Care fund is enabling the flow of patients in and out of hospital through the prevention of Delayed Transfers of Care.

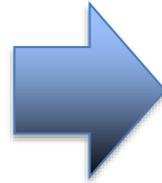


The Better Care Fund is a pooled budget arrangement between Sandwell Council and Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group. Through the Better Care Fund the Council and the CCG commission a range of services that support integration, protect adult social care and prevent delayed transfers of care.



Better Care fund in Sandwell

The Better Care Fund in Sandwell commissions a number of services designed to prevent delayed transfers of care including;



Red Bag Scheme

STAR Service

Trusted Assessor

Discharge to Assess Flats

Discharge Beds at Sandwell Hospital

Discharge Beds at Russells Hall

Hospital 2 Home team



Discharge beds at Russells Hall

In November 2018, Sandwell Cabinet agreed for the Council to award a Contract to Dudley Group of Hospitals Foundation Trust for the provision of 12 Social Care discharge beds at Russells Hall Hospital. These beds were purchased to support the Council to prevent Delayed Transfers of Care, and ensure safe discharges for Sandwell Resident support at Russells Hall hospital. These beds enable;



Focus on Safe discharge

Robust assessment

Capacity for Winter pressure

Equipment and Adaptation

Appropriate Support arrangements



Performance

The range of interventions funded through the Better Care Fund has resulted in the following performance in relation to prevention of Delayed Transfers of Care in Sandwell;



May 2019 - Sandwell ranked number 1 in the Country for the least Social Care Delayed Transfers of Care.



June 2019 - Sandwell ranked number 3 in the Country for the least Social Care Delayed Transfers of Care.



July 2019 - Sandwell ranked number 2 in the Country for the least Social Care Delayed Transfers of Care.



