

# North Provider Forum – Winter Preparedness



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# Principles of Approach and Outcomes for Winter Schemes

## Introduction

- ECC is working alongside NHS partners in each local system to shape and mobilise plans for using the available funds to support Essex residents and the Essex care market through winter 23-24.
- Although we need a countywide approach, local issues and challenges need to be understood and considered when planning services.
- We need to ensure funding is spent on sustainable services and have been granted funding for 2023/25.
- **The following outlines the requirements:**
  - Additional capacity to reduce hospital discharge delays
  - Support D2A principles to enable timely hospital discharge with short-term support
  - Cannot be used to compensate for expenditure already incurred, earmarked or allocated, or to fund inflationary pressures
  - Should consider longer-term contracts, which will provide stability in the market and allow providers to be more flexible with how they deliver the service.

# Principles of Approach and Outcomes for Winter Schemes continued

## Outcomes and metrics

- To reduce pressure on health and social care services across Winter
- To reduce delayed discharges and monitor to ensure improvements are being made
- To enable timely discharge from hospital with appropriate short-term support, where needed, pending assessment of long-term care needs

## General Principles

- To be compliant with the guidance of the relevant funding sources
- Build on existing services / contracts where possible, thereby not further complicating the system
- Allow providers to comment and support design of new proposals and projects
- Work collaboratively across health and social care to support buy in, increase visibility of projects and promote success.
- To explore admission avoidance strategies and proposals where funding sources allow.
- Focus on achieving fewer but larger interventions so we can evidence impact
- Need to be able to flex to fluctuations in demand (acknowledging this is not just a winter problem)
- Ensure we have the correct data (locality and countywide) to be more proactive to upcoming demands and trends

# Plans for 2023/24 - North

## Use of Funds

Of the schemes funded last year, the following are **continuing/expanding**:

- **Stepping Stone Homes** – has expanded to provide an additional 2 flats in Colchester as an interim setting for adults unable to be discharged directly home.
- **Trusted Assessor** – will continue into the next year as this is showing positive results.
- **Ward Led Enablement** – will continue within ESNEFT older people's wards.
- **Home to Assess** – analysis of the scheme is in progress to inform onward commissioning of the H2A service.

The following **new schemes** have been agreed:

- **Dementia Advisor** post funded to sit within the Transfer of Care Hub to support discharge of people with dementia.
- **Technology Enabled Care in the Transfer of Care Hub** – community support worker to support Assistive Technology to be assigned and installed rapidly supporting discharge.
- **Swan bridging** – funding to support overstayers to reduce pressure at exit of the service.

# Providers – Over to you!

- Do you face any new challenges this winter?
- What plans do you have in place?
  - Rotas
  - Annual Leave
  - Recruitment
  - Transport

# ECC – what are we doing next?



WE ARE CONTINUING TO DISCUSS  
THE CHALLENGES THAT WINTER  
BRINGS



A FURTHER WORKSHOP IS PLANNED  
AT COUNTYWIDE LEVEL TO ENSURE  
WE UNDERSTAND WHAT OTHER  
PARTS OF ESSEX HAS PLANNED



OFFERING THE INCENTIVE SCHEME  
TO PROVIDERS AGAIN THIS YEAR TO  
HELP THE FLOW THROUGH THE  
SYSTEM