

MH Hospital Discharge

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**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Patchwork of Provision – Discharge from MH Hospitals

Project	Detail	Specifically for people who are Homeless?	Accessible to people who are homeless?
ASC Discharge Unit	4 units of discharge accommodation for ASC patients	N	Y
MH D2A	Ongoing funding for existing service	Y	Y/N
Increased Housing expertise within discharge team	Homeless Persons Officer based at Millview	Y/N	Y
Development of 6 Step Down/Step Up beds	6 units of accommodation in 24 hour care service	N	Y
MH Health Engagement Worker	Health Engagement Worker embedded into the MHHT	Y	Y

Barriers & Solutions to effective and safe discharge

Barriers

- **Staffing** – inability to recruit social work and clinical staff has prevented mobilisation of some proposed services to support discharge
- **Funding** - uncertainty, and short term nature of funding has made planning and engaging with providers very difficult. This continues to present as a significant issue and risks destabilising both current and planned work.
- **Lack of suitable placements** - levels of need and risk of inpatients have prevented discharge – high numbers of people with mobility needs has proved difficult
- **Lack of Move On Plan** Mainstream D2A with a six week turnaround is reluctant to take people without a clear exit

Solutions

- **Staffing** - Expanding the role of trusted assessors to increase social work capacity, enhanced recruitment and retention bonuses, benchmarking salaries against local area partners to ensure alignment
- **Funding** – rapid decision on roll over and full year funding
- **Lack of suitable placements** – see funding above to meet immediate need, additionally existing work in train to address needs (see joint BHCC & BHCCG MH Pathway commissioning, and BHCC Framework commission) – long term process.
- **Lack of Move On Plan** – HPO based at Millview to work on prevention and early planning and increase access to mainstream D2A
- **Prevention** – improve community based work with people who are homeless and experiencing MH – ensure greater engagement and prevent admissions Health Engagement Worker

