

**Cambridgeshire County Council Record of Decision**

**Decision taken by an officer of the Council**

<b>Title of decision</b>	Allocation of Infection Control Funding in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
<b>Date decision taken</b>	29th July 2020
<b>Decision maker</b>	Chief Executive <i>(ordinarily it would be Adults Committee)</i>
<b>Details of decision taken</b>	<p>Adherence to infection control guidance put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has had significant cost implications on service delivery across adult social care. On the 14th May 2020, the Government announced £600m of one off funding to support infection control across adult social care providers. This equated to £6,146,908 in Cambridgeshire. The primary purpose of this fund is to support adult social care providers to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission in and between care homes and support wider workforce resilience.</p> <p>Central Government specified the fund be allocated in accordance guidance issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75% of the funding was allocated to both residential and nursing care home providers, with each home receiving an amount per CQC registered beds. This equated to £991 per bed in Cambridgeshire.</li> <li>• The local authority was given discretion to allocate 25% of the funding to care homes or providers operating within the wider market. To date, the local authority has been consulting with providers on the most effective use of this money.</li> </ul> <p>Use of the funding by providers needs to comply with clear guidance outlined by central government, and all local authorities were given a directive to passport the funding through to services quickly to support the sustainability of the sector. Central government is releasing the funding in two tranches. The first tranche of the 75% allocated to care homes has been distributed to date.</p>

	<p>Following consultation with local providers, a decision has been made to allocate the remaining 25% of the fund, equating to £1,536,727, to providers commissioned by the County Council to deliver 'homecare' type services in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domiciliary Care: Funding allocated based on number of hours delivered</li> <li>• Extra Care: Funding allocated based on number of hours delivered based on a return from providers</li> <li>• Supported Living: Funding allocated based on number of hours delivered based on a return from providers</li> <li>• Direct Payments: A fund based on number of service users and average number of hours has been allocated to draw upon in the event PPE is required.</li> </ul> <p>The approach outlined above aim to distribute funding available in a fair and equitable way ensuring that wherever possible the level of funding given to each commissioned provider reflects the level of complexity each service is managing, as this will ultimately have an impact on the cost of adhering to infection control guidance. It is critical to the ongoing sustainability of the market that this funding is allocated as quickly as possible.</p>
<p><b>Reasons for taking decision</b></p>	<p>This decision has been taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to ensure that funding allocated by central government is distributed to allocated adult social care providers quickly to support with the impact ongoing cost pressures are having on the sustainability of these providers. Failure to do so could ultimately affect continuity of care for service users.</p>
<p><b>Options considered</b></p>	<p>This decision would ordinarily be taken by Adults Committee. As there will not be a virtual meeting of Adults Committee until 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020, it is important that the Chief Executive takes this decision.</p> <p>The Chief Executive has consulted and obtained the approval of all the Group Leaders to the document below.</p>
<p><b>Details of any conflict of interests declared</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Details of any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b></p>	<p>None</p>

Signature of decision maker (if appropriate)

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Chief Executive