

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Surrey County Council Response to Covid: Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Funding
Divisions Affected:	All divisions
Key Decision:	Yes
Reason Key:	Affects two or more Divisions
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Cabinet decision 31 March 2020 Min ref: 41/20 Cabinet decision 26 January 2021 Min ref: 10/21

Summary

1. As part of the national lockdown announced by the Prime Minister on 4 January 2021, the Government advised all Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) people to shield until 31 March 2021.
2. To enable councils to support CEV individuals during this period, and for Tier 4 areas during the local restrictions from 20 December 2020 to 4 January 2021, funding was made available to councils. MHCLG committed to provide councils with funding equivalent to £14.60 per CEV individual on the Shielded Patient List (SPL) per four weeks, pro rata. Funding is calculated per CEV individual on the SPL within the local authority boundaries, irrespective of whether they require support.
3. The funding for December and January was received in the last week of March and the February allocation was received in late April 2021. These funds were distributed to Boroughs and Districts in April and May.
4. Communication, confirmation of amounts and funding for the March lockdown period was not received until July. Surrey County Council has received £1,099,818 to cover the costs of supporting CEV residents during this time.
5. MHCLG expect councils to use the funding to deliver the activities and outcomes outlined in the Shielding Framework. This includes the overheads of setting up and managing the local system, contacting CEV individuals within the area of intervention, assessing the food and basic support needs of CEV individuals and facilitating the delivery of that support where necessary, and reporting on the level of support provided. As outlined in the Framework, the funding accounts for the direct provision of food on an exception only basis.

6. MHCLG also state that it is essential that upper tier authorities provide sufficient resources to lower tier authorities to carry out any responsibilities that they are asked to undertake to support CEV individuals.
7. This paper seeks approval for the allocation of the funding for CEV support of £1.099m.

Proposals:

In line with previously approved allocations, it is proposed that this funding is allocated based on the Shielded Patient List (SPL), which provides a breakdown of CEV residents by district and borough, including an allocations to CEV residents known to social care that are supported by Surrey County Council. The amounts retained by SCC are proposed to be used to cover costs within Customer services for the ongoing support to CEV residents through the community helpline.

Decision made

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It was AGREED that:

The following allocations would be made, in line with the proposals set out above:

Authority	Proposed allocation	
	£	£ per CEV
SCC Social care	111,762	14.57
Elmbridge	103,559	14.57
Epsom_and_Ewell	62,497	14.57
Guildford	109,285	14.57
Mole_Valley	73,760	14.57
Reigate_and_Banstead	125,780	14.57
Runnymede	73,556	14.57
Spelthorne	96,433	14.57
Surrey_Heath	72,289	14.57
Tandridge	77,709	14.57
Waverley	103,209	14.57
Woking	89,978	14.57
TOTAL	1,099,818	

Reasons for Decision:

To cover the cost of support to the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable during the Tier 4 and national lockdown in March 2021, in line with the grant requirements.

Decision taken by:	Leigh Whitehouse – Executive Director of Resources Becky Rush – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources Sinead Mooney – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Decision taken on:	26 August 2021
To be implemented on:	One-off payments to be made to Boroughs & Districts, as set out above.

Alternative options considered

The alternative is to not accept the funding allocation from MHCLG or to retain the total funding within the Upper Tier Authority which would not reflect where the costs are being incurred and impact on the ability of local authorities across the County to support Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Residents.

The allocation method proposed reflects the overall allocation methodology used by MHCLG.

Summary of any financial implications

The CEV funding received by SCC will be allocated out in line with above proposals.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

Decisions on previous allocations was taken in consultation with colleagues in the LRF Welfare Cell and agreed that future allocations would be distributed used a similar methodology.

Background Documents

Exempt:

Cabinet report 31st March 2020 setting out the council's response to Covid-19 & Covid-19 Response Update report to Cabinet 26 January 2021

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