

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



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Title:	Surrey County Council Response to Covid: Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Funding
Divisions Affected:	All divisions
Key Decision:	No
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 dates covered and the funding allocated to Surrey County Council are as follows:

20 Dec - 4 Jan	£321,753
5 – 31 Jan	£575,309
1 – 28 Feb*	<u>£723,938</u>
	£1,621,000

** The SPL containing QCovid additions was updated in two tranches, on the 16 and 23 February 2021 respectively. Tranche 1 was under 70s and tranche 2 was over 70s.*

The funding for December and January was received in the last week of March and we have been informed that the February allocations will be paid in April. We have not received any communication relating to March funding as yet.

4. 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.

5. 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.
6. This paper seeks approval for the allocation of the funding for CEV support of £1,621m.

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:

	20 Dec - 4 Jan	5 – 31 Jan	1 – 28 Feb
Authority	£	£	£
SCC Social care	26,479	45,901	64,188
Elmbridge	32,021	55,160	67,924
Epsom_and_Ewell	19,880	34,025	42,293
Guildford	35,456	60,662	74,222
Mole_Valley	23,012	39,358	48,583
Reigate_and_Banstead	38,047	65,052	83,111
Runnymede	23,577	40,821	50,335
Spelthorne	29,455	51,009	64,947
Surrey_Heath	22,635	38,781	48,357
Tandridge	24,504	42,158	51,986
Waverley	21,274	58,298	69,770
Woking	25,414	44,086	58,222
TOTAL	321,753	575,309	723,938

Reasons for Decision:

To support the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable during the Tier 4 and national lockdown periods, in line with the grant requirements.

Decision taken by:	Michael Coughlin – Deputy Chief Executive Becky Rush – Cabinet Member for Resources and Corporate Support Sinead Mooney – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health & Domestic Abuse.
Decision taken on:	8 April 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. Funding has been received for the periods 20 December 2020 to 31 January 2021 and this will be transferred to Boroughs and Districts immediately. Funding for the 1-28 February will be transferred on receipt of the funding by SCC from MHCLG.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

Decisions taken in consultation with colleagues in the LRF Welfare Cell.

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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