

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Disbursement of Infection Control Grant 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

Summary

On 22nd May the Department for Health & Social Care (DHSC) published details of the ADULT SOCIAL CARE INFECTION CONTROL FUND RING-FENCED GRANT 2020.

£600m of funding is being paid to local authorities to pass onto care providers to spend on a range of stipulated measures to help control the spread of the COVID-19 infection in care home and other care settings.

Surrey County Council (SCC) is receiving £19.178m of funding.

SCC is required to pay 75% of this funding (£14.384m) directly to all care homes in Surrey on a 'per registered care bed' basis in line with the stipulated grant conditions (see enclosed DHSC Grant Circular for more information). Key among these conditions is for each care home to register on the national Capacity Tracker and complete it on a consistent basis.

SCC has discretion over how to allocate the remaining 25% (4.794m) across care providers in Surrey to support infection control measures. Surrey's Adult Social Care (ASC) is working closely with the Surrey Care Association and other partners to agree the best use of this funding within the grant conditions.

Grant funding is being paid to SCC in two equal instalments. The first instalment was paid on 27th May 2020. The second instalment is due to be paid in July 2020, although this is dependent on the government being satisfied that the first instalment has been spent in line with the specified grant conditions.

This paper is to confirm SCC's use of the first 75% of Infection Control Grant funding as per the grant conditions.

A further paper will be prepared to confirm use of the remaining 25% of funding.

Decision madeDecision made:

It was agreed that SCC would distribute 75% of the Infection Control Grant funding it receives from DHSC directly onto all care homes in line with the grant conditions stipulated in the DHSC grant circular.

Reasons for Decision:

To support COVID-19 infection control in Surrey's care homes and ensure SCC is compliant with DHSC's grant conditions.

Decision taken by:	Leigh Whitehouse – Executive Director for Resources and Section 151 Officer Sinead Mooney – Cabinet Member for Adults Mel Few – Cabinet Member for Finance
Decision taken on:	9 th June 2020
To be implemented on:	The first set of payments to pay the first instalment of each care provider's share of 75% of SCC's total Infection Control Grant funding will be made on 10 th June 2020 to all care homes that have registered on the national Capacity Tracker. Further first instalment payments will follow for all other care homes as soon as they have registered on the national Capacity Tracker. Care providers will receive their second instalment of this funding in July once SCC has been paid the funding by government as long as they are clearly compliant with the grant conditions.

Alternative options considered

SCC is distributing funding to care homes as stipulated by the government's grant conditions and so there are no alternative options.

Summary of any financial implications

There are no direct financial implications to SCC as all of the money paid out to care providers will be funded out of the Infection Control Grant funding SCC receives from DHSC.

Payment of this funding to care providers is intended to help sustain and improve infection control in ASC care settings across Surrey. This will provide crucial support to vulnerable residents and at the same time should lead to indirect financial benefits for SCC.




Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

Decision taken in consultation with the Surrey Care Association, other local partners, the Executive Directors for Adult Social Care, the Executive Director for Resources, the Cabinet Member for Adults and the Cabinet Member for Finance.

Background Documents

Cabinet report 31 st March 2020 setting out the council’s response to Covid-19.	 SCC Response to COVID-19
Department of Health and Social Care Infection Control Grant Circular	 DHSC Grant Circular
Surrey Care Home Plan Cover Letter	 Surrey Care Home Support Plan Cover

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