

Use of Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund

On 13th May the Government announced that it would make available a £600m Infection Control Fund for Adult Social Care and Tranche One of this was distributed to local authorities on 22nd May. The purpose of this fund is to support the implementation of infection control measures advised in the Care Home Support Package, particularly the restriction of movement of workers between different care settings and full payment for staff who are required to self-isolate.

This paper summarises how North Somerset Council has distributed the first tranche of the Infection Control Fund to care providers and replicates the information provided to the Department of Health and Social care at the end of June. Further information will be made available after the second tranche has been distributed and returns have been received from care providers at the end of September.

Local authority	North Somerset Council
Allocation of Infection Control Fund received as of 26 June	£1,930,317
Allocation of Infection Control Fund dispensed as of 26 June	£1,930,317

Under the grant conditions, local authorities must allocate 75% of the first month's funding straight to care homes within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per beds' basis, including to social care providers with whom the local authority does not have existing contracts.

Please confirm whether your LA allocated 75% of the first month's funding straight to care homes within the local authority's geographical area	Y/N
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The grant conditions specify that the funding must be used for infection control measures. At least 75% of the grant funding must be used to support the measures listed within the grant conditions, while the remaining 25% may be used on other COVID-19 infection control measures including payments to domiciliary care providers.

	Care Homes	Domiciliary Care	Others	TOTAL
Please indicate the number of providers who have received funding:				
75% of Funding	99 providers £1,447,738	0	0	99 providers £1,447,738
25% of Funding	99 providers £140,000	67 providers £342,579	0	166 providers £482,579
TOTAL	99 providers £1,587,738	67 providers £342,579	0	166 providers £1,930,317

Please indicate which measures have been used by providers as part of this funding as of 19 June, and the proportion of the funding dispensed to date that has been used for this

	How many providers have used funding for this purpose so far?	What proportion of the LA's allocation has been spent on this measure? Total must equal 100% * Using 75% "per bed" element of grant only	What proportion of the LA's allocation has been spent on this measure? Total must equal 100% * Using all of grant
Measures to isolate residents within their own care homes	60	19.6%	14.7%
1. Actions to restrict staff movement within care homes	65	23.3%	17.5%
2. Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test	53	12.1%	9.1%
3. Other (please indicate below)			
4. Recruitment of temporary staff	63	17.5%	13.1%
5. Measures to avoid staff use of public transport	51	6.1%	4.6%
6. Providing accommodation to staff	39	19.2%	14.4%
7. Other infection control measures, including PPE	160	0.0%	25.0%
8. Funds returned by providers (To be pooled into the 25% and redistributed)	6	2.0%	1.5%
9. TOTAL	166	100%	100%
Please list other infection control measures your allocation of the Infection Control Fund has been used for. You might find it useful to refer to the measures outlined in the care home support package.	See above	See above	See above

* represents providers' estimates of spend rather than actual spend as per DHSC guidance

Details of how all Local Authorities have distributed the first tranche is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-infection-control-fund>