

Use of Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund Round 1, May 2020 to September 2020

On 13th May the Government announced that it would make available a £600m Infection Control Fund for Adult Social Care. 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 Round 1 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 September 2020.

The Council received £3,861,635, which was distributed to care providers as follows:

- In accordance with the grant conditions, 75% of the funding was passed directly to care homes on a “per bed” basis – this amounted to £2,895,476.25
- The remaining 25% was distributed to care homes and to community care providers on a “per bed” or “per hour” basis - this amounted to £280,000 for care homes and £685,158.75

In total, 99 care homes and 69 community care providers received funding.

Information returned by providers indicates that the number of providers spending the fund on the various infection control measures, together with the proportion of the fund spent on the measures are as follows:

1. Measures to isolate residents within their own Care homes – 70 providers – 19.9% of the fund
2. Actions to restrict staff movement within Care Homes – 60 providers – 14.3% of the fund
3. Paying staff full wages while isolating following a positive test – 40 providers – 5.7% of the fund
4. Other measures, including recruitment, avoiding use of public transport, staff accommodation, domiciliary care infection control, PPE – 162 providers – 60.2% of the fund

A further Round of funding to cover the period to 31 March 2021 has been announced, which, for North Somerset Council, amounts to £3,065,998 and distribution of this will begin in late October 2020.

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