

URGENT DECISION FORM



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Date: 25/06/2020	Ref No:		
Type of Decision:			
Cabinet Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Key	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Non-Key	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subject matter:			
Distribution of the remaining 25% Infection Prevention Control Grant to Care at Home (domiciliary care) and Supported Living Providers			
Reason for Urgency:			
To reduce transmission of coronavirus between carers and customers supported in their own homes by Care at Home providers and Supported Living providers and to support workforce resilience in this sector to deal with Covid-19.			
Freedom of Information Status			
Equality Impact Assessment		Not Applicable	
[Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]			
Decision taken:			
The Emergency Powers Group is asked to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note Bury's allocation of £2.4m from the recently announced Infection Control Grant, with 75% already approved and distributed to Care Homes;• Note the grant conditions and approve the distribution methodology developed by the Council;• Note Bury's allocation of the remaining 25% of this funding to Care at Home (Domiciliary Care) and Supported Living providers to support infection control and workforce resilience in this sector;			
Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:	

Chief/Senior Officer/Cabinet Chair		
After consultation with:		
Cabinet Member (if a Key Decision) or Chair or Lead Member (as appropriate)		
If it is a Key Decision, the Chair of Scrutiny Committee to agree that the decision cannot be deferred		
Opposition Leader or nominated spokesperson (Council Decision) or Leader or Majority Group Member on Overview and Scrutiny Committee (if a Key Decision) to agree that the decision cannot be deferred		
Leader of second largest Opposition Group (if a Key/Council Decision) to agree that the decision cannot be deferred		

1 Background

- 1.1 A new £600 million Infection Control Fund has been introduced to tackle the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in care homes.
- 1.2 The fund, which is ring-fenced for social care, has been given to local authorities to ensure care homes can continue to halt the spread of coronavirus by helping them cover the costs of implementing measures to reduce transmission.
- 1.3 The allocation shares for each council are calculated as $[\text{Number of care home beds} \times \text{Area Cost Adjustment}] / \text{England sum of } [\text{Number of care home beds} \times \text{Area Cost Adjustment}]$. The Area Cost Adjustment reflects differences in wages and prices in different councils.
- 1.4 The funding will be paid in 2 equal instalments to local authorities. The second payment will be contingent on the first being used for infection control.
- 1.5 75% of the initial funding received has been passed straight to care homes within the local authority's geographical area for use on infection control measures, including to care homes with whom the local authority does not have existing contracts. This list is taken from the CQC data base and includes 57 care homes with 1,771 beds. (Previously approved and attached for information).



- 1.6 The remaining 25% must also be used for infection control measures, however local authorities are able to allocate based on need. This may involve support for domiciliary care and wider workforce resilience measures.
- 1.7 This approach ensures that the majority of funding reaches the front line as quickly as possible, while ensuring that local authorities have the flexibility to top up where it is most needed.

2 Financial implications

- 2.1 Bury's total Infection Control allocation is £2.4m, 75% £1,787,080 of this allocation has already been distributed to Care Homes (previously approved). This paper seeks permission to distribute the remaining 25% £608,810 to Care at Home (domiciliary care) based on the average hours of support delivered per week during the month of May 2020 and Supported Living based on the number of customers supported in Bury.
- 2.2 Due to the funding being received in 2 tranches and therefore Local Authorities (LAs) not knowing what conditions will be placed on providers (or the LA) before they can access the 2nd tranche it is proposed that Care at Home (domiciliary care) are paid in the first tranche and Supported Living paid in the 2nd tranche, should the conditions be met. This is a process being implemented by a number of North West authorities.

Service Setting	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Total	% Split
Care Homes	893,540	893,540	1,787,080	75%
Home Care	304,405	-	304,405	25%
Supported Living	-	304,405	304,405	
Total	1,197,945	1,197,945	2,395,890	100%

3 Conclusion

- 3.1 Approve the remaining 25% Infection Control grant allocation to be split between Care at Home (domiciliary care) providers based on the average hours of support delivered per week during the month of May 2020 and for Supported Living providers based on the number of customers supported in Bury.

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 25 June 2020