

Summary of financial support made available to Independent Care Sector Providers through the COVID-19 pandemic

As part of the Adult Social Care – COVID-19 Winter Plan 2020 Councils are required to maintain information on their websites about the financial support they have offered to their local adult social care market. This table summarises the additional funding provided through Bradford Council since March 2020 to support Providers in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding	Offer	Services funded	Approx. or planned spend	Period
7 week contingency payment	A lump-sum payment of 10% on the base fee for care homes and home support providers and 5% for supported living and extra care providers per funded service user was made. The CCG matched this funding increase. The contingency payments were made in recognition of increasing staffing costs and the costs of PPE.	Care Homes Home Support Supported Living Extra Care	£1.35m	End of March to 3 May 2020
First Infection Control Fund	In line with the requirement of the grant, 75% was allocated to care homes based on the number of CQC registered beds. 25% was allocated to Home Support, Extra Care and Supported Living Services. Providers could use the funding on infection control measures mainly related to staffing.	Care Homes Home Support Supported Living Extra Care	£5.3m	May to September 2020
Contribution to voids	A grant scheme was used to fund a contribution of 80% of the base rate for voids resulting from a reduction in the number of council-funded placements in a home between during a 14 week period	Care Homes	£495k	23 March to 28 June 2020
Second Infection Control Fund: Care Homes and CQC-regulated community care providers	In line with the requirement of the grant, this was allocated to providers on a per bed basis for care homes and per service user for community care providers. The fund can be used for ensuring staff who are isolating receive normal wages, limiting staff movement between services, cohorting staff, recruitment of additional staff to support IPC measures, steps to limit use of public transport, providing accommodation to staff choosing to separate from their families, supporting safe visiting, staff attending work for testing.	Care Homes Home Support Supported Living Extra Care	£3.84m	October 2020 to March 2021

Second Infection Control Fund Discretionary element: Care Home Visiting	Additional funding from the ICF has been made available to support safe visiting, including dedicated staff to support and facilitate visits, additional IPC cleaning in between visits, capital-based alterations to allow safe visiting such as altering a dedicated space. Care Homes can apply for up to £3k additional funding.	Care Homes	£300k	December 2020 to March 2021
Second Infection Control Fund Discretionary element: Day services and VCS	Day services and VCS providers of early intervention and prevention services had the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £3k to fund infection control measures in their services	Day Services VCS provider	£500k	December 2020 to March 2021
Second Infection Control Fund Discretionary element: Carers	A grant scheme managed via the Carers Resource service has been established to provide small grants to carers to help with the cost of infection control measures	Carers Resource Unpaid Carers	£85k	December 2020 to March 2021
Second Infection Control Fund Discretionary element: Direct Payments	Funding for temporary increases to direct payment budgets to enable PAs or other care staff who are isolating to be paid and cover to be provided, and for other infection control measures	DP recipients	£75k	October 2020 to March 2021
Occupancy Support Scheme	If occupancy in a care home falls below 75% in any week during the scheme, the Council will make-up the difference between the actual occupancy rate and 75% occupancy at a grant payment of £540 per week per bed.	Care Homes	£1.25m	5 October 2020 to 28 March 2021
Additional Contingency Payment	An additional one-off lump sum contingency payment allocated on a per available bed basis for care homes and per service user for community care providers. To qualify for the payment, provider must have confirmed they are taking action to financially support staff needing to self-isolate. The CCG contributed to the lump sum payments for nursing homes and home support. Contingency funding has also been set aside to support services facing extremely high levels of staff self-isolating due to a COVID-19 outbreak	Care Homes Home Support Supported Living Extra Care	£1.3m	Paid in December 2020 (in recognition of increased costs in summer)
Sustainability Fund	This fund has been established for care providers at risk of imminent financial failure. Funding support decisions will be made on a case by case basis to intervene tactically to ensure the safe continuity of services.	Care Homes Home Support	£75k	August 2020 to March 2021

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