

ICF ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT VISITING	
1	BACKGROUND
1.1	<p>Visiting in care homes should be supported and enabled wherever it is possible to do so safely. We want to help ensure providers have the appropriate resources they need to enable visiting to take place in line with local and national guidance.</p> <p>Government guidance on visiting in care homes is available here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visiting-care-homes-during-coronavirus/update-on-policies-for-visiting-arrangements-in-care-homes</p>
1.2	<p>Bradford Council is making £300,000 from the discretionary element of the Infection Control Fund (ICF) available to care homes to further support the additional costs of supporting visiting. Each home can request up to £3,000 additional ICF grant.</p>
2	FUNDING REQUIREMENTS
2.1	<p>This fund is open to CQC registered care homes within the City of Bradford Metropolitan Council District.</p>
2.2	<p>The funding must be used to put in place COVID-19 infection control measures relating to family and friends visiting.</p> <p>ICF guidance allows for the grant to be used to support safe visiting in care homes, such as for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 space¹ <p>This list is non-exhaustive and there may be other ways this funding can be used to support safe visiting.</p>
2.3	<p>The grant must be fully spent on infection control measures to support safe visiting by 31 March 2021. Expenditure can be claimed from 1st October 2020 but cannot have been previously claimed for as part of the main bulk of the grant (double-funding). Funding not spent by the date will need to be repaid to the Council.</p>
2.4	<p>The government requires the Council to submit a monthly return, specifying how the grant has been spent.</p> <p>You will be required to report on this grant within the ICF return you are currently completing on a monthly basis. These returns will be sent to you by email.</p>

¹<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-infection-control-fund-round-2/adult-social-care-infection-control-fund-round-2-guidance>

2.5	We do not require you to provide us with receipts or invoices to prove how the funding has been spent. Providers will, however, need to keep these records in the event that they are required to provide reassurances that the funding has been used in accordance with the grant conditions. These records need to be sufficient to show how much of the Infection Control Fund they have actually spent on different measures.
3.	REQUEST PROCESS
3.1	To apply for this additional ICF grant please complete the attached grant request form and return it to IPCGrant@bradford.gov.uk . Please include the subject heading 'Additional grant for Care Homes – Visiting'
3.2	Requests for the additional grant will be accepted from 10 December 2020 and the grant process will remain open until 5 February 2021. You can submit your request at any point during this period
3.3	Requests will be reviewed on at least a fortnightly basis starting from 30 December 2020.
3.4	Any queries about this additional ICF grant should be sent to IPCGrant@bradford.gov.uk .