



Officer Decisions

Associate Director of Commissioning (Care and Health) - Tim Golby

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

Devon County Council was allocated approx. £10.5m of the Adult Social Care (ASC) Infection Control Fund. 75% of the fund was directed to care homes as per the grant determination letter.

This decision relates to the 25% of the fund which can be allocated at the local authority's discretion to support the provider market in managing infection control.

Decision Taken

The 25% to be allocated as follows:

- £1, 629,703.40 to be allocated to; supported living, personal care, care homes, day services and enabling providers to support the purchase of PPE based on commissioned levels of business and utilisation rates.
- £1, 000,000 to be allocated to the Housing with Support providers (supported living, extra care housing and 'homelessness' support providers) to support infection and control preventative measures.

Decision agreed at Adult Care and Health SIMT on 23rd June 2020

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

Other options considered:

- Allocate for PPE (all markets) and to Housing with Support market and Personal Care market to support infection control measures
- Allocate for PPE (all markets) and to all other markets to support infection control measures, i.e. housing with support, extra care housing, day services, personal care and enabling.
- Make the PPE payment in relation to every citizen whether commissioned by the Council or not

Options rejected as the further financial split across multiple markets will provide small financial incentive and therefore deliver minimal impact. The housing with support market is a priority area for the reasons stated above.

The decision to only allocate funding for PPE to those funded by the Council is in line with Care Act principles in that the Council's duty is to meet the costs of care for those who are eligible for that support following a financial assessment.

- Do not allocate any of the funding for PPE, allocate the entire 25% to the Housing with Support market.
- Do not allocate any of the funding for PPE, allocate entire 25% to Housing with Support and Personal Care markets to support infection control measures, and on an equal basis
- Do not allocate any of the funding for PPE, allocate entire 25% to all other markets to support infection control measures, i.e. housing with support, extra care housing, day services, personal care and enabling, on a shared basis.
- Do not allocate any of the funding for PPE, allocate the entire 25% to the Housing with Support market, retain some funds for ICT equipment to support providers
- Do not allocate any of the funding for PPE, allocate entire 25% to Housing with Support and Personal Care markets to support infection control measures, and on an equal basis, retain some funds for ICT equipment

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation

None

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Decision Date

27 July 2020

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