

# COVID 19 : Provider Engagement Webinar

## Infection Control Fund Non-residential care

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

# Welcome and Introduction (Ian Crabtree)

## Purpose of the session:

- To run through details of the Infection Control Fund for non-residential providers (providers should now have received their letter from LCC)
- Explain the purpose of the Fund, its allocation/payment arrangements and the measures to be funded

# Welcome and Introduction

## Participants:

- Khadija Saeed, Head of Corporate Finance (leading session)
- Karen Thompson, Contract Team Manager
- Ciaran Wells, Solicitor
- Ellen Smith, Policy, Information and Commissioning Manager (facilitating panel Q+A)

# Welcome and Introduction

## Format:

- Presentation on the Infection Control Fund for non-residential care
- Q+A session; panel will answer questions from providers that we have received in advance
- Opportunity for providers to ask questions via the Zoom Q+A function during the session, which will we address live during the Q+A
- Please can providers also use the Q+A to share examples of how they intend to spend the grant
- Will produce an FAQ after the session and share via the portal

# Infection Control Fund 2020

- An overview of the purpose of the Care Home Support Package of which the Infection Control Fund forms a part is at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/care-home-support-package-backed-by-600-million-to-help-reduce-coronavirus-infections>.
- The Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund Ring-fenced Grant 2020 – containing the national conditions and the allocation for Lancashire ('the Grant document')- are at [https://mcusercontent.com/83b2aa68490f97e9418043993/files/e7a489c7-0469-4e65-94a9-obeocbae8bce/26\\_05\\_Adult\\_Social\\_Care\\_Infection\\_Control\\_Fund\\_Grant\\_Circular.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/83b2aa68490f97e9418043993/files/e7a489c7-0469-4e65-94a9-obeocbae8bce/26_05_Adult_Social_Care_Infection_Control_Fund_Grant_Circular.pdf)

# ADULTS SOCIAL CARE INFECTION CONTROL FUND GRANT 2020

- **Primary purpose** – to support Adult Social Care providers with infection control
- **Allocation**
  - 75% is to be allocated directly to care homes
  - 25% of the Fund available to allocate in other areas as long as spending is for the broad purposes outlined in the national conditions
- **Reporting** - Returns to DHSC certified by Chief Executive and Director of Adult Services
- **Secretary of State** - may reduce spend or withhold grant payment or require repayment of the whole or any part of the grant monies paid.

# ADULTS SOCIAL CARE INFECTION CONTROL FUND GRANT 2020

- £16,197,303 allocation for Lancashire from Government as part of the national Infection Control Fund
- National conditions required £12,147,977 to be passed directly to care homes
- Leaving £4,049,325 support for other aspects of the social care market
- First tranche provided to LCC is 50% of this amount, equates to approximately £2m
- Subtracting other commitments made (e.g. to support Day Services in Lancashire) this leaves £1.5M to allocate to non – residential care providers in Lancashire

# Allocation to non-residential care providers

- On 27 May 2020 (the date LCC received the funding) there were 8,446 individuals being supported across CQC registered non-residential care providers commissioned by Lancashire
- This includes services such as Home Care, Crisis Services, Re-ablement, Supported Living and Extra Care
- **The funding of £1.5m divided by 8,446 people using such services = £ 177.60 per person**
- One payment will be made, representing  $£177.60 \times$  the number of LCC funded / commissioned individuals you supported as at 27 May 2020



# Payment arrangements

- Your organisation will:
  - have received a letter detailing your specific allocation
  - have received the payment of this amount by today, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, to your normal payment account for business with the council
- Please contact the following email address if you have not received the letter and/or the funds:  
[contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk)
- You are requested to submit an invoice for your amount of the allocation, to complete the records around this payment

# Measures to be funded

- Non - residential care services must use this money for:
  - Infection Control; and
  - Workforce Resilience measures
- Annex C, the Grant Conditions, there are a range of measures proposed specifically for the care home sector. Some of these measures may be relevant also to the non-residential care sector
- Information published by the Care Providers' Alliance at <https://careprovideralliance.org.uk/assets/pdfs/CPA-Infection-Control-Fund-Examples-for-reporting-to-LAs.pdf> may give you further ideas of how the money may be spent to ensure better infection control or workforce resilience
- There is no prohibition on non – residential services spending this money on the purchase of PPE. This is in contrast to the Government's position set out in their published documents relating to care homes.

# Measures not to be funded:

- Costs before 13 May 2020 and after 30 September 2020
- activities which do not support the primary purpose of infection control and workforce resilience
- Providers should expect to return any grant funds unspent by 30 September

# Annex C of the Grant document

## Suggested infection control measures identified

- Ensuring that staff who are isolating in line with government guidance receive their normal wages while doing so. Including staff with suspected symptoms of Covid 19 awaiting a test, or any staff member for a period following a positive test;
- Ensuring, so far as possible, that members of staff work in only one care home. The principle being that the fewer locations that members of staff work the better;
- Limiting or cohorting staff to individual groups of residents or floors/wings, including segregation of COVID-19 positive residents;

# Annex C of the Grant document

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- To support active recruitment of additional staff if they are needed to enable staff with an assigned group of residents or only in specified areas.
- Steps to limit the use of public transport by members of staff. Where they do not have their own private vehicles this could include encouraging walking and cycling to and from work and supporting this with the provision of changing facilities and rooms and secure bike storage or use of local taxi firms;
- Providing accommodation for staff who proactively choose to stay separately from their families in order to limit social interaction outside work. This may be provision on site or in partnership with local hotels.

# Grant return

- We require an authorised signatory of your organisation to complete and return the template no later than **17 July 2020** and return it to [contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk)
- The return requires you to detail your plans for spending your allocation
- This will enable the County Council to assure Government that the funding is being used appropriately in Lancashire.
- It will also provide assurance to the County Council that the money is being used appropriately

# Financial assistance scheme

- If you have been receiving support over recent weeks through the County Council's Covid -19 Financial Assistance Programmes for social care, then you will see that the Infection Control Fund meets many of the same costs.
- In order to prevent double or duplicate funding we will cease further scheduled payments to non – residential care providers from 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- If you feel there are items of expenditure which are not covered by your allocation of the Infection Control Fund, then the Financial Assistance Programme is still open to requests, but you will need to submit a new application for funding explaining the needs and costs.

# Questions and Answer

- Non-council funded service users
- Direct payment service users
- Number of service users used for the allocation