



**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL  
DECISION**

**DECISION OF:** SECTION 151 OFFICER

**WITH ADVICE FROM:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE

**DIRECTORATE:** PEOPLE

**DECISION NO:** 007  
(2020/21 ASC: COVID-19 Emergency Control)

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19: Infection Control Fund (ICF) - Allocation to Adult Care Providers

**KEY DECISION:** Yes

**REASON**

To authorise the allocation of COVID-19 Infection Control Fund grants. The second round of the fund makes available £3 652 730 to Bristol City Council to support adult social care providers with infection control measures. The conditions for the fund require that it is allocated in two tranches on the following basis.

80% allocation to care homes and CQC registered community care providers (so mainly domiciliary care and extra care housing providers) within Bristol area (whether contracted with BCC or not).

The other 20% of the funding must be used to support care providers to take additional steps to tackle the risk of COVID-19 infections but can be allocated at the local authority's discretion. **A separate Decision Pathway document is being prepared for this allocation**

This decision relates to the use of the 80%, amounting to £2 922 184 payable in two equal tranches, first in October and second in December.

**BACKGROUND**

Between May and September 2020 BCC distributed £4.025m of Infection Control Fund monies to Bristol based providers. The second round of ICF was announced on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. The 80% is allocated as follows:

Care Homes are allocated 70% based on bed numbers taken from the NHS Capacity Tracker.

Monies for Community CQC regulated community care providers allocated 30% based on 'people using service' numbers from the CQC homecare survey which is displayed on LGA Inform database.

The Infection Prevention and Control measures are listed in full here

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

It includes 'staff who are isolating receive their normal wage, limiting staff movement between settings (or for dom care visiting an individual), support recruitment to enable to limit movement of staff, supporting safe visiting to settings, ensuring staff attend work for purpose of testing'.

The 80% to care homes and CQC registered community providers **cannot** be used for purchasing PPE as those services have access to the PPE Portal.

## DECISION

This decision authorises the tranche one payment of £1,461,093 of the Infection Control Fund monies as set out below.

Table 1 - £2 922 184 to be distributed in two tranches and allocated as follows.

	Tranche 1 (October) £	Tranche 2 (December) £	TOTAL
Care Homes	1,028,561	1,028,560	2,057,121
Community Care Providers	432,532	432,531	865,063
	1,461,093	1,461,091	2,922,184

This emergency decision will be reported to Cabinet and the full amount of £2.9m will be subject to a Council decision as outlined in the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The second round of ICF totalling £3.6m will be received in two instalments, 50% already received on 1<sup>st</sup> October and the remaining 50% balance is scheduled for receipt in December. The DHSC expect the grant will be fully spent on infection control measures (as outlined in the grant determination letter) by 31 March 2021. DNSC are clear that 'spent' means that expenditure has been incurred on or before 31 March.

The Grant Circular includes a reporting template and the second round will require monthly returns.

## LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS

The Council has a duty to support the care market and ensure capacity and sustainability.

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

## CONSULTATION

Discussions have taken place with care providers.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk of claw back of the allocation has been addressed by:

- Allocating all monies.
- Agreement to be returned signed advising that in order to retain monies they must be used for infection control sent to providers.
- Providers must continue to use the NHS Capacity Tracker or CQC homecare survey at least once week and this will be monitored by ASC. Both record COVID and infection control related data.

## EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? Yes / No  
An Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out.

## CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

None, other than those already highlighted

This decision is being taken under the urgency/emergency powers provided in the Council's scheme of delegation.

The Head of Paid Service and / or Section 151 Officer can take emergency action on behalf of the Council on any matter in cases of urgency or emergency, wherever possible in consultation with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor for Finance, Governance and Performance and subject to a full report as soon as possible afterwards to the relevant forum explaining the decision, the reasons for it and why the decision was treated as a matter of urgency.

## SIGNATORIES

### DECISION MAKER

Signed:

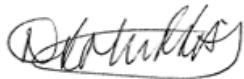


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### S151 Officer

Title: **Director of Finance/s151 Officer**

Signed:



Date: 23 October 2020

### Consultees

Title: **Deputy Mayor  
Cabinet member for Finance, Governance, Property and Culture**

Signed:



Date: 23 October 2020

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