

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

DECISION



DECISION OF: S151 OFFICER

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

DIRECTORATE: PEOPLE

DECISION NO: 020

(2021/22 ASC: COVID-19 Emergency Control)

SUBJECT: COVID-19: Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund Round 3

KEY DECISION: Yes

REASON:

To authorise the allocation of the Direct Award element of the Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund Round 3.

£2,625,901 has been allocated to Bristol City Council for distribution as per guidance. The direct award element is **£1,807,401**

[Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund: round 3 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/adult-social-care-infection-control-and-testing-fund-round-3)

BACKGROUND:

The Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund was first introduced in May 2020, to support adult social care providers in England to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission. This fund has been extended until 31 March 2022 to support the care sector to put in place crucial measures over the winter period. This is a new grant, with separate conditions to previous Infection Control and Testing Funds.

The 'direct funding for providers' portion of this funding consists of 3 distinct allocations:

- infection prevention and control (IPC) funding
- testing funding
- vaccines funding

Each local authority has received an allocation which has specifically been made available to support care providers and social care staff with the costs associated with accessing COVID-19 and flu vaccinations.

- **Direct IPC funding** allocated to care homes within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per bed' basis and CQC-regulated community care providers (domiciliary care, extra care, and supported living) within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per user' basis
- **Direct Testing funding** allocated to care homes, including residential drug and alcohol services, within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per beds' basis.

- **Direct Vaccine funding** allocated to care homes within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per bed' basis and CQC-regulated community care providers (domiciliary care, extra care, and supported living) within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per user' basis

DECISION: To authorise allocation of funding as described below:

| | 1st Tranche | 2nd Tranche | Total | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| IPC Care h Homes | £480,435.60 | £320,290.40 | £800,726 | Bristol based care homes | Allocated per bed |
| IPC Community Providers | £188,977.20 | £125,984.80 | £314,962 | Bristol based CQC registered providers | Allocated per user |
| TF Care Homes | £341,373 | £227,582 | £568,955 | Bristol based care homes | Allocated per bed |
| Vaccine Care Homes | £33,786 | £22,524 | £56,310 | Bristol based care homes | Allocated per bed |
| Vaccine Community Providers | £39,868.80 | £26,579.20 | £66,448 | Bristol based CQC registered providers | Allocated per user |
| Total | £1,084,440.60 | £722,960.40 | £1,807,401 | | |

Table above describes total allocation although payments will be made in two tranches.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding will be paid in 2 tranches. The first 60% of the fund was paid to local authorities on 25th October 2021. The remaining 40% of the fund will be paid in January 2022.

DHSC expect the grant to be fully spent on infection prevention and control, vaccines and testing measures by 31 March 2022, Local authorities should prioritise passing on the direct funding for providers to adult social care providers in their geographical area. DHSC expect this to take no longer than 20 working days upon receipt of the funding in a local authority, subject to providers meeting the conditions as stated in the local authority circular. This includes social care providers with whom the local authority does not have existing contracts.

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

Care providers were aware this fund was due to become available.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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

- Allocating all monies.
- All recipients returning signed agreement regarding fund conditions
- Monitoring of grant conditions – request for returns, monitor use of Capacity Tracker.

- Monitoring of use via standard engagement with providers (Contracts and QA work, Public Health engagement etc.)

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 Constitution and 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

Name: Stephen Beet

Title: Director of Adult Social Care

Signed: 

Date: 22/10/21

Note: If electronic signature used email from Director confirming decision and allowing use of electronic signature must be attached

S151 Officer and / or Head of Paid Service

Name: Denise Murray

Title: Director of Finance/S151 Officer

Signed: 

Date: 16/11/21

Consultee

Name: Councillor Craig Cheney

Title: Deputy Mayor Finance, Governance and Performance

Signed: 

Date: 16/11/21