

West Sussex County Council

Urgent Action

The following key decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Interim Executive Director Adults and Health and the Health and Adults Scrutiny Committee Chairman.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Financial Support to the Care Sector Infection Control Grant Round 2 OKD40 (20/21)
Officer responsible for Decision	Tony Kershaw, Director of Law and Assurance
Officer responsible for Function	Alan Adams, Interim Executive Director Adults and Health
Decision published	27 October 2020
West Sussex Plan priority	Independence in Later Life
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>On the 15 May 2020 a care home support package was announced by Government backed by a £600m infection control fund. The specified purpose of the grant is to provide support to adult social care providers, including those with whom the Council does not have a contract, to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission in and between care homes and support wider workforce resilience to enable improved infection control. Previous decisions Report Ref: OKD17 20/21 and Report ref: OKD23 20/21 dealt with these arrangements.</p> <p>On 17th September 2020 the government announced a second support package for adult social care providers backed by a further £546m infection control fund. The West Sussex allocation of this money is £10.958m. The expectation from government is that 80% of the money is passported directly to registered care home providers and other CQC regulated community care providers. The remaining 20% is allocated to the care sector, to support COVID infection control measures, based on local discretion.</p>
Decision	<p>The Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Interim Executive Director of Adults and Health and the Chairman of the Health and Adults Scrutiny Committee has approved that;</p> <p>(1) 80% of the Infection Control Grant Funding is paid to care home and other CQC regulated community care providers, in line with Government Guidance, subject to the government grant conditions, and the</p>

	<p>providers' acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Council's grant agreement with them; and</p> <p>(2) the allocation of the remaining 20% of the Infection Control Funding be subject to a further decision by the Executive Director of Adults and Health, to support the care sector, in the county, to put in place other COVID infection control measures, based on the Council's discretion and made subject to appropriate grant conditions.</p>
Interest and nature of interest declared	None.
Reason for urgency	This decision is urgent due to the need to provide timely financial support to care providers who are facing challenges related to the Covid-19 pandemic.
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Background Papers	See report for details