

Public Notice

Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given for a key decision which is not able to be included in the Forward Plan 28 days before the decision is taken. The following decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Law and Assurance, in agreement with the Interim Executive Director Adults and Health, and with the agreement of the Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Standing Order 5.23(b) Part 4, Section 5, of the County Council's constitution).

Allocation of Infection Control Grant Funding from Central Government

On 15 May 2020 the government announced a care home support package 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. The West Sussex allocation of this money is £13.363m. The expectation from government is that 75% of the money is passported directly to registered care home providers (including those the Council doesn't already contract with) and the remaining 25% (subject to a further decision by the County Council) is allocated based on local need. The Council is required to comply with a number of conditions set out in the grant circular distributed by Government.

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.

The Director of Law & Assurance, with the agreement of the Interim Executive Director Adults and Health and the Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 5.23 for approval to be given that;

- (1) 75% of the Infection Control Grant Funding is paid to providers, in line with Government Guidance and subject to the government grant conditions and providers' acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Council's grant agreement with them; and
- (2) allocation of the remaining 25% of the Infection Control Funding be subject to a further key decision based on need within the county and made subject to appropriate grant conditions.

Urgent decisions are not subject to a call-in period and come into effect immediately (copy of letters available). Details from Erica Keegan, Democratic Services – Tel: 0330 22 26050

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