

MAY 2020 - Financial Support Provided to Adult Social Care Providers during COVID-19 emergency period distributed by Slough Borough Council.

This document sets out the mechanisms by which Slough Borough Council has distributed financial support to Adult Social Care CQC registered care homes and CQC registered domiciliary care including extra care providers, and voluntary sector providers.

The council has invited CQC registered care providers in Slough to submit claims for monies for any additional costs incurred as a result of COVID19. A number of providers have submitted claims and others have indicated that they will be claiming additional costs and are completing the claim forms.

Requests have also been received in relation to financial support for a number of Personal Assistants who are employed by Direct Payment Recipients. The majority of these requests have been accommodated through the Direct Payment contingency budget arrangements.

To date the council has received claims totalling £164,883.

The distribution of these funds between the relevant provider categories are:

Support to providers that the local authority has contract with			
	Domiciliary Care	Residential Care	Other Provision
Support being offered	Additional Pay - Current workforce e.g. overtime and enhancements Agency and Temporary Staff Recruitment Training Equipment and PPE Other COVID-19 associated costs.		
Total Spent to date since on supporting providers the local authority has contracts with in response to COVID-19	25,755.93	114,859.50	12,166.38
Support to providers that the local authority does not have contracts with			
	Domiciliary Care	Residential Care	Other Provision
Support being	Additional Pay – Current workforce e.g.	Additional Pay – Current workforce e.g.	-

offered	overtime and enhancements. Agency and Temporary Staff Recruitment Training Equipment and PPE Other COVID-19 associated costs. Self-funders and DP packages.	overtime and enhancements. Equipment and PPE.	
Total spent to date since on supporting providers the local authority does not have contracts with in response to COVID-19.	11,215	888	0

Payment on planned time

During this period the council has provided payment on planned time for domiciliary care which can on occasion fluctuate by up to 10% and has paid for additional time spent with service users above the commissioned times where these have been invoiced. The latter has included additional payments of £29,128 to date.

Inflationary Fee Uplifts

During this period the council has received requests for annual inflationary uplifts from contracted suppliers. The council has negotiated fee increases with providers with consideration to existing contractual commitments in relation to fee increase levels, business case submissions and any beneficial arrangements already in place with providers such as pre-payment arrangements, new and existing placement rates, changing profile of placement category.

Fee uplifts have been awarded up to 5%.

Market Sustainability

The council is working in conjunction with neighbouring councils in East Berkshire to identify market sustainability issues and market challenges as a result of COVID19.

ASC Infection Control Funding

The council will be receiving a total of £654,454 of government funding in two tranches. 75% of which will be distributed to eligible CQC care homes and 25% to eligible CQC registered domiciliary care agencies/ extra care providers. There are conditions associated with these additional funding arrangements and we will be seeking confirmation from eligible providers that they are able to meet the associated conditions.

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