

Date: 15/06/2020

Title of report: Further financial support for adult social care providers in response to COVID 19

Purpose of report: To set out the proposed officer delegated decision in relation to the above

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes More than £250k and affecting more than 2 wards
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u> ?	Key Decision – Yes Private Report/Private Appendix –No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	No If no give the reason why not exemption sought to allow more rapid support to providers
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Richard Parry 15/6/20
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	Yes
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllrs Khan and Turner

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted:

Public or private: public

Has GDPR been considered? yes

1. Summary

The NHS received guidance in relation to Supplier Relief to support providers during the COVID response. Kirklees Council and local authorities across the country received a guidance note from the Local Government Association 'to give a framework for the consideration of the locally determined temporary funding of social care providers in the light of the current national emergency'.

In April 2020 the CCGs and the Council agreed to 5% provider relief to care homes and also arrangements to support domiciliary care providers. This was agreed for 12 weeks and will end in June 2020. There are a number of challenges that the care providers are continuing to face. These have been well documented locally, regionally and nationally.

Following discussion at the JSMT on 5th June 2020 it was agreed that care homes is a priority area of work across the integration agenda. It has also been agreed that an integrated programme board should be established to will lead on the development and sustainability of the sector over the short, medium and longer term. A number of support offers and services have been developed and implemented to support the care homes sector.

At JSMT on 5th June 2020 there was 'in principle agreement' to extend the existing 5% provider relief to care homes and also continue the same arrangements for domiciliary care to the end of June. This paper requests a further extension to 31/07/2020.

This paper now identifies the cost to the Council to extend this until that date.

2. Information required to take a decision

A previous decision provided for additional financial support until 14th June 2020. The costs of those applicable to care homes and domiciliary care providers are shown below, alongside the estimated cost to extend the arrangements to the end of July 2020.

Table 1 - Costs to the Council until 31/07/2020

Supplier Relief Detail	Financial Value	Governance Status
5% premium paid on care home fees (in addition to the annual uplift)	£858k estimated for initial 3 months plus £480k to end of July <u>Total of £1.34m</u>	- Initial 3 mths (23 Mar – 14 June) – Agreed Proposed 6 week extension
Payment for 3 days after death (rather than 1 day)	£62k estimated for initial 3 months plus £18k to end of July. <u>Total of £80k</u> <i>(Note – original estimate for 3 mths was £17k)</i>	- Initial 3 mths (23 Mar – 14 June) – Agreed - Proposed 6 week extension

Payment on planned for domiciliary care <i>(Note – also approved for Extra Care/Supported living)</i>	£200k estimated for 3 mths plus £70k to end of July <u>Total of £270k</u>	- Initial 3 mths (23 Mar – 14 June) – Agreed Proposed 6 week extension
Other support (already approved but to be extended) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lump sum payment to dom care providers - Contingency fund for emergency support 	£17.5k (spent) £600k	- Previously approved (now paid out) - Previously approved and proposed to be extended

The cost of extending the applicable elements to the end of July 2020 would be £568k.

Note that all the above are in addition to the business as usual % uplifts that were applied to domiciliary care and care home rates for the new financial year.

3. Implications for the Council

- **Working with People**

The proposed arrangements will help support the continued provision of social care services that enable people to live more independent lives.

- **Working with Partners**

The proposals have been jointly developed with the 2 local CCGs as part of integrated working arrangements.

- **Place Based Working**

The proposals will help with the delivery of localised care arrangements that enable individuals to be part of their local community.

- **Climate Change and Air Quality**

There are no direct implications for climate change and air quality

- **Improving outcomes for children**

These proposals are focused on adult social care but will benefit parents who have social care needs.

- **Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)**

These issues were addressed as part of the original package of support that is being extended for 6 weeks.

Do you need an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)?

No

4. Consultees and their opinions

S151 officer, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, Cabinet Member for Corporate. They all support the proposed 6-week yupeextension.

5. Next steps and timelines

Payment to be paid to providers in line with the proposals whilst the longer-term impact of COVID 19 is assessed.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the proposed extension to the existing support arrangements set out in this report be enacted.

7. Contact officer

Richard Parry – Strategic Director – Adults & Health

8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

9. Service Director responsible