

# Infection Control Fund 2 (ICF 2)

## Specific Measures

The 80% part of the grant allocated to care homes and CQC-regulated community care providers on a 'per bed' and 'per user' basis must be used in order to support the following specific measures.

### Care Homes

1. Ensuring that staff who are isolating in line with government guidance receive their normal wages while doing so. At the time of issuing the grant circular, this includes:
  - staff with suspected symptoms of COVID-19 waiting for a test
  - where a member of the staff's household has suspected symptoms of COVID-19 and are waiting for a test
  - where a member of the staff's household has tested positive for COVID-19 and is therefore self-isolating
  - any staff member for a period of at least 10 days following a positive test
  - if a member of staff is required to quarantine prior to receiving certain NHS procedures (generally people do not need to self-isolate prior to a procedure or surgery unless their consultant or care team specifically asks them to)
2. Limiting all staff movement between settings unless absolutely necessary, to help reduce the spread of infection. This includes staff who work for one provider across several care homes, staff that work on a part-time basis for multiple employers in multiple care homes or other care settings (for example in primary or community care). This also includes agency staff (the principle being that the fewer locations that members of staff work in the better). Where the use of agency staff is absolutely necessary, this should be by block booking
3. Limiting or cohorting staff to individual groups of residents or floors/wings, including segregation of COVID-19 positive residents
4. Supporting active recruitment of additional staff (and volunteers) if they are needed to enable staff to work in only one care home or to work only with an assigned group of residents or only in specified areas of a care home, including by using and paying for staff who have chosen to temporarily return to practice.
5. Taking steps to limit the use of public transport by members of staff (taking into account current government guidance on the safe use of other types of transport by members of staff)
6. Providing accommodation for staff who proactively choose to stay separately from their families in order to limit social interaction outside work.
7. Supporting safe visiting in care homes, such as dedicated staff to support and facilitate visits, additional IPC cleaning in between visits, and capital-based alterations to allow safe visiting such as altering a dedicated space.
8. Ensuring that staff who need to attend work for the purposes of being tested (or potentially in the future, vaccinated) for COVID-19 are paid their usual wages to do so

### Regulated Community Care Providers

1. Ensuring that staff who are isolating in line with government guidance receive their normal wages while doing so. At the time of issuing the grant circular, this includes:
  - staff with suspected symptoms of COVID-19 waiting for a test
  - where a member of the staff's household has suspected symptoms of COVID-19 and are waiting for a test

- where a member of the staff's household has tested positive for COVID-19 and is therefore self-isolating
  - any staff member for a period of at least 10 days following a positive test
  - if a member of staff is required to quarantine prior to receiving certain NHS procedures (generally people do not need to self-isolate prior to a procedure or surgery unless their consultant or care team specifically asks them to)
2. Taking steps to limit the number of different people from a homecare agency visiting a particular individual or steps to enable staff to perform the duties of other team members/partner agencies (including, but not limited to, district nurses, physiotherapists or social workers) when visiting to avoid multiple visits to a particular individual
  3. Meeting additional costs associated with restricting workforce movement for infection control purposes. This also includes staff who work on a part-time basis for multiple employers or in other care settings, particularly care homes. This includes agency staff (the principle being that the fewer locations that members of staff work in the better)
  4. Ensuring that staff who need to attend work for the purposes of being tested (or potentially in the future, vaccinated) for COVID-19 are paid their usual wages to do so
  5. Taking steps to limit the use of public transport by members of staff (taking into account current government guidance on the safe use of other types of transport by members of staff)

The local authority must ensure that funding which it allocates for a measure described above is allocated on condition that the recipient care provider:

- uses it for those measures only
- will provide the local authority with a statement (1) prior to receiving funding, confirming that they have understood the grant conditions and that their spending plans are compliant with them, and (2) at reporting point 6 (30 April 2021), certifying that they have spent the funding in compliance with the grant conditions
- if requested to do so will provide the local authority or DHSC with receipts or such other information as they request to evidence that the funding has been so spent
- provide DHSC or the local authority with an explanation of any matter relating to funding and its use by the recipient as they think necessary or expedient for the purposes of being assured that the money has been used in an appropriate way in respect of those measures
- will return any amounts which are not spent on those measures