



Information

for adult social care providers

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Issue 29

Infection Control Fund

Dear Colleague,

You will recall that we have covered the allocation of the £6.7m Leicestershire Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund (ICF) in bulletins 24, 26, and 28, and on the [ICF page of our website](#).

I am writing with information on how the 25% of the ICF will be distributed in Leicestershire, and with local guidance on how the 75% ICF funding for residential providers may be used.

ICF support to home care, extra care and supported living providers

I am pleased to advise of the allocation from the ICF that Leicestershire County Council will be making to home care, extra care and supported living providers in recognition of the infection control costs which they face.

To support providers as quickly as possible a payment of £100 per service user has been made to all contracted providers, and that money will arrive in a provider's bank account on Friday 26 June.

However, the Council will base the total payment made to providers on the total number of people supported, by contracted and non-contracted providers; whether self-funding, or via Council Framework or Direct Payment. To determine this, we will write to all providers asking them to send anonymised information about the number of people they support, the number of hours of support provided and the post code of the person supported.

With this information, we can determine the total payment due to each provider and issue that payment, net of the payment made already, to all providers. This payment will be made when the Council receives its second payment from the DHSC in July.

Local guidance on the use of the ICF in residential care

Thank you for supplying the information for your 'Initial Return on Provider Expenditure Template' by the deadline this week.

Eligible ICF spend is documented in the following:

- The agreement document which you have been sent
- The Leicestershire County Council, [Infection Control Fund website](#) web page
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) prepared by Department of Health and Social Care based on queries received nationally

We have had requests from some providers to supplement these with a more detailed, local description of eligible spend.

Based on guidance provided by the Care Provider Alliance, working with colleagues at Leicester City and Rutland, further [LLR-wide guidance](#) has been produced and is now available on our website.

Once again, thank you for your support and I hope that you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

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