

Financial Support to Gloucestershire Care Providers in Response to Covid-19 as of 29th May 2020

As an Integrated Care System (ICS), Gloucestershire has a large and varied offer of support to providers across the health and social care sector, which has increased significantly during this current pandemic. Measures that are in place include:

- Bed Based Care and Community Based Care providers will be paid a monthly amount equivalent to a 10% uplift on their usual rates for 3 months from 1st April. Providers will be expected to sign a deed of variation to their contract and send in a return which will provide evidence of what the funding has been used for.
- Providers are expected to use the funding to:
 - increase the wages of Provider Personnel in view of additional responsibilities relating to Covid 19;
 - increase the capacity of the service by use of additional personnel, for example from an agency, if required;
 - purchase PPE for the use of Provider Personnel in the delivery of the Services;
 - contribute towards Provider Personnel recruitment costs; and
 - contribute towards any additional resource costs caused by supply issues related to Covid 19.
- A signed deed of variation and clear evidence that the funding has been spent on staff related costs including PPE will be required to trigger a further payment in June.
- All CHC and Joint Funded packages commissioned for the CCG will also receive the 10% which add £0.21 million going into the market. This will be recharged to the CCG and they will reclaim.
- Providers are able to access supplier relief monies for pressures they incurred pre 1st April 2020 via our council wide processes. They can also contact Commissioners to discuss individual pressures that they are experiencing.
- Regular bed based care provision will continue to be paid on the same basis as usual and community based care will be paid based on an average of the last 3 months of care delivered. Any invoices received will be paid immediately.
- Providers have received assistance with recruitment from Gloucestershire's Proud to Care campaign which has established a fast track recruitment process to ensure we have a stable care market during this COVID-19 period. GCC, in effect, have become a temporary recruitment agency for care providers. We are advertising, shortlisting, interviewing, reference checking, DBS checking people and then put them on 2 day induction training before handing them over to a provider for final training and deployment. Providers can utilise any element of this service or take advantage of the whole process according to their need.
- The new infection control funding will be allocated to providers as soon as possible and will enable all providers (whether or not commissioned by GCC):
 - To fully pay staff wages if they are self-isolating
 - To pay staff to only work in one care home (would include agency staff)
 - Increasing staff so they are limited to working with one group of residents/floor/wing
 - Recruitment costs of staff to ensure there is sufficient capacity to have staff work in only one home and limiting their movement between residents
 - Transport for staff so they do not have to use public transport
 - Accommodation for staff who are living apart from their families to reduce social interaction outside work

The amount paid to providers in Gloucestershire so far is illustrated below:

Support to providers that Gloucestershire has contracts with

	Domiciliary care	Residential care	Other provision	Total spent* so far on supporting providers that [name of local authority] has contracts with in response to COVID-19
Support being offered	£1,002,982	£1,410,347	£21,774	

*Total spent means funding or support has already reached providers.

Support to providers that Gloucestershire does not have contracts with

	Domiciliary care	Residential care	Other provision	Total spent* so far on supporting providers that [name of local authority] has contracts with in response to COVID-19
Support being offered	0	0	0	

*Total spent means funding or support has already reached providers.