

Appendix - Adult Social Care Short Term Funding Streams

Name of fund	Funding source	Funding period	Cheshire East Council Allocation	Purpose	How have the funds been spent?
Infection Control Fund	DHSC	Round 1 – May-Sep 2020 Rounds 2 & 3 - Oct 2020–Mar 2021 Round 4 – Apr–Jun 2021 Round 5 – Jul–Sept 2021 Round 6 – Oct 2021 - Mar 2022	£5,320,292 £4,712,872 £1,807,449 £1,283,276 £2,128,810	The primary purpose of this fund is to support adult social care providers, including those with whom the local authority does not have a contract, to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission in and between care homes and support wider workforce resilience. This includes measures to ensure staff who are off sick or self-isolating receive their full salary, to reduce staff movement between care homes and for safe transport and accommodation. Later rounds of the funding stream have also included an allocation to support regular staff testing and staff vaccinations.	The majority of the Infection Control Funds have been passported directly to care providers on a per bed/per service user basis in accordance with funding guidance. Providers have used the funding for such measures as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring staff who are required to isolate receive their normal wages • Limiting staff movement between settings • Support recruitment of additional staff/volunteers • Cohorting staff to individuals or groups of service users • Supporting additional costs incurred from frequent staff testing and vaccination • Enabling care homes to facilitate external visiting during lockdowns. A small proportion of the Infection Control Fund has been used to support the reopening of day services, the commissioned Infection Prevention Control Service and People Helping People Service (infection, prevention and control training for volunteers).
Local Authority Financial Support	Cheshire East Council	11 Mar – 30 Sep 2020	£2,021,000	On 9 June 2020 Cabinet approved payment of a one-off emergency financial support package for external care providers including care homes, domiciliary care providers and complex care providers to support them with the additional financial pressures caused directly by the COVID-19 pandemic.	The funding could be used for a wide range of measures provided the spend could be directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For care homes the funding was mostly spent on reduced income resulting from empty beds, PPE and agency staffing costs. Care at home and complex providers mostly spent the funding on PPE, recruitment costs, paying staff the full salary if sick or

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Workforce Capacity Grant	DHSC	16 Jan 2021 – 31 Mar 2021	£725,319	The purpose of this funding is to enable local authorities to deliver measures to supplement and strengthen adult social care staff capacity to ensure that safe and continuous care is achieved to deliver the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain care provision and continuity of care for recipients where pressing workforce shortages may put this at risk • support providers to restrict staff movement between care homes and other care settings in all but exceptional circumstances, which is critical for managing the risk of outbreaks and infection in care homes • support safe and timely hospital discharges to a range of care environments including domiciliary care, to prevent or address delays as a result of workforce shortages 	Unlike other funding streams there was no requirement to passport funding directly to care providers. A quarter of the funding was utilised within Adult Social Care to ease health infrastructure challenges and support hospital discharges. Care providers were invited to apply for the remainder of the funding via a competitive process based on compliance with the funding guidance. In total 40 providers received funding which contributed to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 233 new roles being created. • Equivalent to 213 FTE • Circa 38k hours delivered as a direct result of the funding passported to providers. Funding was also utilised to fund membership for all care home managers to the local Skills for Care registered managers network.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enable care providers to care for new service users where need arises. <p>Local authorities can use this funding to deliver staffing capacity measures that support all providers of adult social care in their area including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> residential and domiciliary care care providers with which local authorities do not have contracts organisations providing care and support who may not be registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC). 	
Market Sustainability Fund	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)	2022/23 2023/24 2024/25	£979,000 Estimated £3.6 million Estimated £3.6 million	<p>On 16 December 2020 the DLUHC published the policy paper “Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund: purpose and conditions 2022 and 2023.” The purpose of the fund is to support local authorities to promote the efficient and effective operation of their local care markets through the provision of sustainable fee levels as evidenced by a cost of care exercise.</p> <p>Funding for years 2 and 3 is contingent on a fair cost of care exercise and Market Sustainability Plan being submitted to DLUHC by September 2022.</p>	<p>Cheshire East Council has recently undertaken a fair cost of care exercise. This has shown that an additional £21 million would be needed to pay the fair cost of care to all care providers.</p> <p>Funding from 2022/23 will be used to fund a 6% increase in the fees paid to care at home providers. Care at home fees have not been uplifted for over 3 years. This has been authorised via an ODR signed by the Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration and is in accordance with the Financial Scheme of Delegation.</p>

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Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund	DHSC	Round 1: 21 Oct 2021 – 31 Mar 2022 Round 2: 10 Dec 2021 – 31 Mar 2022	£982,203 £1,813,297	<p>The primary purpose of the Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund is to support local authorities to address capacity pressures within the adult social care workforce in their geographical area, through recruitment and retention activities during the winter months. This fund is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support providers to maintain the provision of safe care and bolstering capacity within providers to deliver more hours of care • support timely and safe discharge from hospital • support providers to prevent admission to hospital • enable timely new care provision in the community • support and boost retention of staff within social care. <p>Funding from Round 2 can also be used to bring forward planned fee increases.</p>	<p>The first tranche of Round 1 funding (£589,322) has been passported directly to providers. Providers are required to submit a spending pro-forma demonstrating how funds have been spent by 14 January 2022.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the second funding tranche from Round 1 (£392,881) will be used to develop initiatives to support the recruitment and retention of the care workforce including the provision of training, electronic fleet vehicles and bicycles to support delivery in rural areas, enhanced mileage payments and childcare costs.</p> <p>Use of the fund for Round 2 has yet to be determined. Tranche 1 (£1.2m) of the funding has been received. As the fund can be used to bring forward planned fee uplifts, it is proposed that an amount equivalent to a quarter of the Cheshire East Council share of Market Sustainability Fund for 2022/23 is used for this purpose. Cheshire East has been allocated £979k from the Market Sustainability Fund, so £244k of the Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund would be retained. This would enable providers to bring forward the NLW uplift due in April 2022 in a bid to attract staff.</p>
Care at Home Incentive Fund	Cheshire and Mersey NHS	Dec 2021 – Mar 2022	£800,000	<p>This funding recognises the increased delivery costs for care providers and the challenges around recruitment and retention. It is designed to improve patient flows within the local health and social care system and reduce waiting times for care by encouraging</p>	<p>A one-off payment of £1,000 (£1,500 in certain hard to serve areas) will be paid to Care at Home Prime and Framework providers who deliver new packages of care over the period for people with an assessed need for care at home services.</p>

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Adult Social Care Omicron Support Fund	DHSC	Jan – Mar 2022	£362,659	<p>The purpose of this fund is to support the sector with measures already covered by the infection prevention and control (IPC) allocation of the Infection Control and Testing Fund (round 3) to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission within and between care settings through effective IPC practices. Additionally, this funding may also be used to increase ventilation in care homes, and to enhance local authorities' current direct payment offer particularly when the only way a person's care needs can be met is by a friend or family member, or to enhance support for carers. It may also be used to pay for temporary staffing to cover increased staff absence caused by COVID-19 and maintain staffing levels and workforce capacity.</p>	<p>Local authorities have discretion to use the funding as needed locally, to support the adult social care sector, including relevant local authority staff, in its COVID-19 response, and in particular increased challenges posed by the Omicron variant. Local authorities should consider the following as appropriate uses of the grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring that staff who are isolating in line with government guidance receive their normal wages and do not lose income while doing so • paying for temporary cover for staff who are unable to work because they are unwell due to COVID-19 and/or are isolating in line with government guidance, in order to maintain safe workforce capacity in care services • paying for temporary staffing (overtime or agency) to maintain safe staffing levels • limiting staff movement between settings in line with the latest guidance, to help reduce the spread of infection – this includes staff who work for one provider across several settings, staff that work on a part-time basis for multiple employers and agency staff • limiting or cohorting staff to individual groups of people receiving care, including segregation of COVID-19 positive residents in care homes • steps to limit the use of public transport by members of staff • providing accommodation for staff who proactively choose to stay separate from their

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					<p>families in order to limit social interaction outside work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support to providers in purchasing CO2 monitors or air cleaners for use in care homes to monitor and improve ventilation • enhancing local authorities' current direct payment offer to support care provided by friends and family, including any additional support the carer may need to assist them to continue in their caring role • providing additional support to care homes or other providers that are currently experiencing an outbreak to ensure that they are able to put in place sufficient IPC measures • providing support to community groups and paying volunteer expenses.