

COVID-19 Financial support to social care providers

Support with financial pressures

The Council works in partnership with Care Homes to improve quality and establish and agree the cost of providing care in North Lincolnshire. Care Home fee rates have consistently increased and the fee rate agreed for 2020/21, represented a 5.49% increase to the base fee rate, paid from April 2020.

The Council recognises the short term financial challenges being experienced by the care sector locally and has provided a 'Covid grant' for the April to June period to all North Lincolnshire care providers.

Care providers have also been informed of the range of additional financial support services from North Lincolnshire Council, including Business Rate Relief, Small Business Grants and Supplier Relief to assist those experiencing significant pressures on an open book basis.

The Council is currently working towards a timely distribution of the recently announced Infection Control Fund which will provide further assistance to Care Homes, and on the most effective way to use the 25% of the fund not distributed on a per bed basis. It is expected that the fund will support the sector in all aspects of infection control including increased costs of PPE.

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Support to providers that the local authority has contracts with			
	Domiciliary care	Residential care	Other provision
Support being offered	£114,200 (Covid Grant) £43,289 (annual fee increase)	£402,843 (Covid Grants) £105,951 (annual fee increase)	
Total spent¹ to date since on supporting providers the local authority has contracts with in response to COVID-19		£666,283	
Support to providers that the local authority does not have contracts with			
Support being offered	£48,200	£3,000	
Total spent² to date since on supporting providers the local authority does not contract with in response to COVID-19		£51,200	

¹ Spent = funding or support has already reached providers.

² Spent = funding or support has already reached providers.