



Dear Care Provider

This information is for Nottinghamshire based care provider locations only and refers to the Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund, round 2. Government information and guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-infection-control-fund-round-2>

You will all find the key information for Providers in the attached documents. These include:

- The letter from Helen Whately, published outlining the Infection Control Fund 2
- Annex A, setting out examples of permitted use of the fund
- Conditions for accessing the fund
- Reporting requirements for local authorities and providers
- Specific restrictions relating to the use of the fund

This round of the Infection Control Fund is for **all CQC Regulated Providers in Nottinghamshire**. For domiciliary care this means that Nottinghamshire County Council will distribute the funding for those organisations whose registered address with CQC is in Nottinghamshire and this will be for **new Infection Control spend incurred between 1st October 2020 and 31st March 2021**. As per last time the grant is payable in 2 instalments, one in October, or as soon as you submit a completed application form and meet the initial grant conditions. (See attached documentation.) The 2nd instalment will be payable in December, which will be paid automatically to those who received the first instalment of the ICF 2, assuming they continue to meet the grant conditions.

You should complete the online form to receive the ICF 2 funding. Here is the link: https://forms.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/en/AchieveForms/?form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-f4677f3e-a86d-48a6-8782-7cb088b9396e/AF-Stage-3ead2f15-1648-45d0-a72e-bed1110bb81f/definition.json&redirectlink=%2Fen&cancelRedirectLink=%2Fen&consentMessage=yes

There are a number of conditions attached to the grant, (which can be found in the attached documents):

- In particular, before the first instalment can be paid, you will need to have completed either the CQC Care home tracker or CQC homecare survey, as appropriate, at least twice and commit to completing them weekly going forward.
- For care homes the permitted areas of use for the ICF 2 now specifically include supporting safe visiting in care homes and ensuring that staff who need to attend

work for the purposes of being tested for COVID-19 are paid their usual wages to do so, but the 'Other' category has been removed. The government has provided some examples of use for each category in Annex A.

- **All providers who apply for the grant will need to submit a monthly return, by the 15th of the month, using the excel template attached.** This return should confirm actual spend on each category up to the end of the preceding month and planned spend on each category up to the end of March 2021.

In addition, for those care homes that received the first ICF grant, you will need to have confirmed your spend by category via the online form, and any underspend declared will be netted off future payments made to you.

If you received the first ICF grant and declared an underspend and do not wish to apply for this second round, we will be recouping the underspend during November.

Finally, we would like to encourage **all providers eligible for the ICF 2**, to apply and use the grant according to the conditions. We would expect this to cover expenses such as your additional staffing costs, and with PPE being provided through the portal it is anticipated that this will reduce your sustainability claims for additional costs for periods after the 1st October. If you do have any outstanding claims for previous months, we ask you to submit them at your earliest opportunity.

For non-regulated CQC Care providers in Nottinghamshire specifically, the Care Services Sustainability Fund will remain open for you to claim for any additional costs as a result of Covid-19 (including infection control costs) which are not covered by any other mechanism/funding/other reduced spend.

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