

Appendix 2: Commissioning approaches: financial detail

Support to providers with whom Royal Greenwich has a contract

	Domiciliary care	Residential care	Other provision	Total spent* so far on supporting providers that Royal Greenwich has contracts with in response to COVID-19
Support being offered	<p>For homecare the providers have been given the following support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uplift brought in 30 days early - Providers are provided with 75% of their excess PPE cost compared to previous months - Providers' care staff are paid an additional daily rate to drive in the borough to visit homecare users 	<p>For older peoples care homes, which have been substantially impacted by reduced occupancy and where the Council spot-purchases placements, we are providing a weekly additional amount of funding based on 10% of the Council's weekly commitment in the months pre-Covid-19. This arrangement is currently in place until the end of June 2020, and we are planning to notify providers that we will extend the financial support until the end of September. Where the Council has block contracts with providers, we are in discussion about what additional costs have been incurred, such as PPE and staffing costs.</p> <p>The Council has also purchased and delivered iPads to the older people's care homes to facilitate contact with family and friends.</p> <p>For mental health and learning disability homes, data returns are not showing an impact on placement numbers, but providers will have been required to spend increasing amounts of money on PPE, as well as on staffing and measures</p>	<p>Up to 10% of funded amount</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Block contract arrangement at pre-Covid activity levels</p>	<p>All providers in the borough have received details of the offer; however, to date we have only received a small number of invoices.</p> <p>The figure below is the sum of all invoices received from providers at time of writing,</p> <p>£105,362.73</p> <p>Commitments for April and May are projected as £443,464</p> <p>In addition, the Council has spent £123,941.65 on PPE for providers</p> <p>Please note that the expenditure listed above</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providers are paid £200 per carer they recruit during the pandemic - Providers are paid on a block contract to manage any reductions in care packages due to Covid19 - PPE is provided to in borough providers 	<p>to support staff and residents. For these homes, each spot purchased placement or commissioned service is considered on a case by case or service by service basis based on evidence of additional costs incurred.</p> <p>The council is currently reviewing the fees paid to care homes through the lens of what we have learned about the resilience of care homes during the coronavirus pandemic. This will become part of our reset planning and providers will be notified of our findings and invited to participate in the outcome of this piece of work before the temporary funding comes to an end.</p> <p>Emergency supplies of PPE have been provided to all care homes free of charge.</p>		<p>comes from the original tranche of Govt funding and does not include the £1.4 million allocated for infection control</p>

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

Support to providers with whom Royal Greenwich does not have a contract

**RBG has placements with all CQC registered care homes in the borough

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Support being offered	PPE is provided	**See above	PPE is provided	

Support in kind

At the start of the pandemic, the Council used its own supply lines to purchase emergency supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and is now part of a pan-London PPE purchasing arrangement. Social care commissioning officers monitor stocks of PPE in each care home and organise delivery of urgent supplies to front line care providers including out of hours supply. This has ensured that at no point have we run out of PPE. Since March 2020, we have supplied 36,100 aprons, 84,850 gloves 38,725 masks, 3,065 eye protectors to front line providers without charge. We have also purchased iPads for care homes and are exploring the option of funding upgraded broadband connections where required. Free parking for frontline staff has been available in Greenwich since the end of March.

Working with health protection specialists in the Council's public health team, we have provided face to face and virtual **training and guidance sessions to care homes in infection control and correct use of PPE**, with opportunities for question and answer sessions. Earlier in the month we undertook another round of this training for all older people's care homes to address some of the anxiety about Covid-19 positive residents. We are scheduling further training for homes for people with a learning disability or mental health needs to be completed by the end of May.

When the dedicated portal for care homes to arrange COVID-19 testing for all residents and staff was launched on the 11 May, health protection specialists from the Council's Public Health team stepped up their support provision to care homes for older people with the establishment of a screening programme

and an offer to support care homes with the test swabbing of residents. The team will monitor testing of all care home staff and residents and will use the results to understand more about the spread of infection in Greenwich care homes and provide advice to prevent further COVID-19 outbreaks.

Testing requires taking swabs of the nose and throat. Doctors from our Public Health team are visiting each location during testing to help staff and residents feel confident and safe.