

Infection Control Fund Ideas received from the Market (16th June 2020)

The below list provides a range of ideas that ECC have received from providers in relation to the Infection Control Fund for Care Homes. To support providers in utilising the funds we have created the below lists of ideas that ECC would deem acceptable on the left and unacceptable on the right. Please note these lists are illustrative and not exhaustive and are designed to support providers with utilising this fund. Providers should note that the fund is to be spent in its entirety by 23rd September 2020.

ECC agrees this is an acceptable use of the Infection Control Fund	ECC disagrees this is an acceptable use of the Infection Control Fund
<p>Products:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional Uniforms to enable in house laundering or to allow for more frequent changing 2. Specialist fogging to decontaminate visiting area 3. New kitchen equipment – not for the purpose of upgrading kitchen but if it's to improve infection control then ok 4. Tablets etc reduce use of paper 5. iPad/Tablets for residents to use, will help in communication with family & reduce infection control measures required for visits. 6. Purchase of a minibus to help with the transporting our staff to stop them using public transport those that don't drive 7. Devices to gauge temperature of individuals 8. Dorgards - keep doors open without having to touch them - easy to fit and fire regs compliant 9. Bikes for staff – (Recommend providers check the position with tax – benefit in kind) can buy bikes and pool them to staff. 10. Electric bikes to be available at each home to encourage cycling 11. Industrial steam cleaner 12. Laptops for social distancing working 13. Electronic care plans to reduce contamination from paper 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Furlough pay top up for when the government changes take effect in July 2. Furlough Costs – as these can be claimed centrally 3. Paid breaks for staff 4. New uniforms – e.g. to rebrand. 5. Loss of day care income 6. SSP costs which are claimed centrally from government 7. PPE stock – as this is explicitly excluded within the guidance 8. Pay staff an enhanced rate to request they do not socialise despite guidance allowing them to 9. Paying the wages of staff who have self-isolated or tested positive since the start of this virus dating back since 16th March 10. Extra cleaning products – These can be claimed through ECC claims process For further information please refer to the provider hub https://www.livingwellessex.org/latest-news/#Response_Fund 11. Adaptations to outdoor space to provide small play areas for children with safety flooring so visitors can come but keep infection out of the home.

14. Alexa devices in all rooms
15. WIFI boosters and connections for FaceTime etc residents families – within the care home – not for the families
16. Extra food trolleys, skips, bins and microwaves – for separate kit etc but not upgrade
17. Purchase of new care home furniture, eg armchairs to replace damaged / or to obtain more wipeable furniture.
18. Shower chairs to avoid movement / sharing of existing chairs
19. CCTV thermostat equipment to help detect this virus from our staff and visitors to the care homes
20. Purchase of fogging machine to help with disinfection of the home and stopping spread of virus within home
21. Hospital beds – Please note you could obtain these from the Equipment Service as an alternative
22. Manual Handling Equipment to avoid transporting equipment around the home
23. Additional washing machine to help keep laundry of those who might or have confirmed COVID can use solely used

Staffing

24. Additional staffing to support safe visiting (Providing the staff aren't also working in other homes)
25. To pay the difference between SSP and staff pay for staff off sick/self-isolating.
26. Rental of minibus for staff travel, moving between homes or home to work
27. Taxi transport for staff
28. Agency usage to support safe staffing whilst people are isolating (Providing the agency staff aren't also working in other homes)

29. Implementation of changes to recruitment process and system to enable swifter hiring of staff to fill vacancies to manage demands of pandemic
30. Staff wages and expense of travel whilst testing out of shift hours.
31. Training costs that relate to Infection Control – trainer and staff time back fill
32. Extra cleaning hours
33. Recruit costs for temporary workers – providing they aren't working in other care homes.
34. paying staff that have had to isolate due to having to follow COVID-19 isolation guidance, contracted COVID-19 or waiting to receive the test results.
35. Induction training costs of new starters
36. An additional staff member on each shift to reduce the risk of requiring agency workers
37. Advertising in Social Media/Radio/Newspapers for job vacancies so we do not have to use agency
38. Buying or renting caravans / local hotels to support staff who proactively choose to stay separate from their families in order to limit social interaction outside work

Adaptations to the Home

39. Changing taps on staff sinks so that they can be operated with the elbow or foot, not the hand.
40. Architect fees if refit required
41. Walk in en-suites – if they allow better control of infection
42. Staff accommodation - Using a bedroom to offer staff accommodation and break away from the normal staff area and home during long shifts. Costed at the average weekly fee of the home.

43. Flooring - replacing old carpet with non-slip flooring which is less likely to retain virus.
44. Provision of screens and adaptations to allow safe face to face visits from families and/or between staff and visitors
45. New showers / taps, shower for staff room
46. Sluice for laundry room
47. Update laundry room by means of new easy wipe cupboards and sinks
48. Install new soap and paper towel dispensers in all residents own bedrooms
49. Installation of automatic doors openers
50. Electric key fobs rather than touch keypads
51. Add en-suite to bedroom
52. Allocating rooms in care homes for staff to live in

Adaptations to outdoor space at the home.

53. External visitor section
54. Changes to garden seating to allow safe distancing
55. External structure for staff changing room/ staff room
56. revamp of garden to aid social distancing
57. bike sheds to encourage staff to cycle
58. pay to convert a room into a COVID secure visitation area
59. Increased Garden facilities- Furniture, specialist activities (raised flower beds, engagement for dementia residents)

Other

60. Remedial work from Legionella Risk Assessment
61. Deep cleaning

