

Covid 19 Pandemic

Government has awarded grants to local authorities to manage the Covid 19 pressures. The allocation of spend is explained below:

Central Government has awarded £12.5m to the local authority to fund the following

- 10% ex-gratia payments made to care providers along with enhanced provider rates and the commissioning of temporary block contracts to support hospital discharge, estimated in total at £3.6m
- **PPE** spend has been £2.1m which includes PPE issued to care homes.
- Losses of income including car parking £3.4m
- Supporting individuals shielding
- Fostering allowances
- Homeless and temporary accommodation costs
- Capacity for additional beds including Hillside.

Outbreak control grant of £845k has been allocated to staffing including Environmental Health officers, Health Improvement practitioners, PPE coordinators and communications as well as local contact tracing and swabbing & testing facilities.