ADASS Rapid survey of use of £1.6bn LA grant to support adult care providers

Purpose of survey:

- To provide information to DHSC / MHCLG civil servants of the kind of approaches being taken by councils to support their local care market
- To counter claims from the care provider sector that councils are not passing on funding
- This information may be shared with central Government
- This should take no more than 5 mins to complete. Please return to Michael.Chard1@adass.org.uk

In order to assist ADASS with future funding bids, please return this short survey by *Friday 1 May*.

Local Authority	Uplifts for 20/21	Support from the £1.6bn grant - guaranteed and/or up-front payments, equipment, price etc	Other support – support funds etc
Name of council	List any agreed uplifts for 20/21 as part of your usual budget process	What support are you providing to your care market to ensure stability?	What other steps have to taken to support care providers through the pandemic?
Bradford MDC	Most contracts have been uplifted by 4.33%. This includes:	One off Payment to providers to cover seven weeks costs based on activity on the 23 rd March.	Central stock of PPE procured for emergency shortages
	Nursing	10% on base rate for:	Day centres closed and staff redeployed
	Residential	Nursing	Social Care Access Point quickly processing significant changes to support packages. Payment on plan/schedule adjustments to be reconciled later. Communications and guidance and use of PPE through twice weekly bulletins.
	Home Support	Residential	
	Supported Living	Home Support	
	Extra Care	5% on base rate for:	
	Supporting People Direct Payments ISF's	Supported Living Extra Care	
	We have also worked closely with our CCG's who have agreed the same rates.	Bank of staff being trained for use by internal services and for our providers to draw upon when there are staff shortages.	Process for alerting council of urgent supply issues in place.
		PPE being contracted by the Council and	Urgent supplies being sourced from

allocated to our providers.	Council procured stocks, LRF stocks and mutual aid arrangements.
From the 30 th March 2020 Providers have been paid for the planned level of service rather than varying payment to take into account the under delivery of support. We are also fast tracking increases in support packages for existing service users where the person's needs/level of support has increased due to Covid-19 issues. In addition, minus variations are not being processed at this moment in time to ensure the planned level of service is impacted by the temporary fluctuations in people's support package that would normally be considered frustrated calls.	Twice weekly bulletin providers relevant updates to providers. Public Transport reductions have been mitigated by development of an offer to use Council taxi contracts to support staff getting to work.
Arrangements are in place to manage discharges from hospital to temporary placements via fast track arrangements or where temporary arrangements for community based provision is being put in place to prevent admissions to hospital. Gross payments are being made as Covid-19 placements while the temporary placement is required or until the Care Act Assessment and financial assessment process is completed. These fast track placement are being recorded to assist recharging activity	Key worker letters issued to providers to support access to school and childcare and to access supermarkets for own and service shopping needs.
Payments have been made to Care home providers from the central government grant for Infection control. Bradford took the decision to make payments in advance of the receipt of the full grant to support our providers during this	

difficult time.	
We will also be accepting claims from the 28 th June from providers who have had vacant places in their care homes over the period of the pandemic. These payments will be made in respect of any previously (prior to 22 nd March) Local Authority funded places that have since become vacant. The payment will be 80% of our usual base rate for each full week a placement was vacant. This is to support the sector during this difficult period. The situation will continue to be reviewed.	