

# Adult Social Care Rapid Testing Fund

# Background

- HCC Provider Support agreed to fund PPE and staffing costs associated with Covid-19 until end of March, for HCC clients supported by providers
- Infection Control Fund (1&2) £600m and £546m nationally
- Rapid Testing Fund, £149m nationally
- Workforce Capacity Fund, £120m nationally

# Rapid Testing Fund (RTF) Allocation

- £3,296,531 for whole Hertfordshire market
- 80% for Care Homes
- 20% for LA discretion – going to be allocated to Supported Living, Flexicare and Day Services providers
- £286 per CQC Registered bed in Care Homes and residential drug and alcohol services
- Funding for Supported Living, Flexicare and Day Services providers will be on a per client basis, £100 per client
- For spend incurred between 2<sup>nd</sup> December and 31<sup>st</sup> March

# Requirements for Providers (RTF)

- be completing the relevant Capacity Tracker regularly (at least weekly)
- has committed to continuing to complete the Capacity Tracker regularly (at least weekly) for the duration of the grant
- Complete the Spend Tracker on a monthly basis (by 15th of following month)

# Spend Tracker

Hertfordshire County Council - Rapid Testing Fund

Type of Provider	Care Home
Provider Name	
Name of Care Home	
Number of CQC Registered Beds	
Total Allocation of Funding	£ -
Contact Name for Queries:	
Contact Telephone number	
Contact Email Address:	

TOTALS	Spend to Date £ <i>Populates Automatically</i>
Paying for staff costs associated with training and carrying out LFD testing	£ -
Costs associated with recruiting staff to facilitate increased testing	£ -
Costs associated with the creation of a separate testing area where staff and visitors can be tested and wait for their result.	£ -
Costs associated with disposal of LFD tests and testing equipment	£ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	£ -

Spend to Date						
Line	Description of Expenditure <i>For help, please see Grant Conditions</i>	Category of Expenditure* <i>Must be completed - Use Dropdown</i>	Claim Month <i>Must be completed - use dropdown</i>	From Format (DD/MM/YY) No earlier than 02/12/2020	To Format (DD/MM/YY)	Claim Value (£)
1						
2						

# Areas of spend for Rapid Testing Fund

- Paying for staff costs associated with training and carrying out LFD testing, including time taken to:
  - attend webinars, read online guidance and complete an online competency assessment
  - explain the full LFD testing process to those being tested, and ensuring that they understand all other infection prevention and control (IPC) measures
  - ensure that any LFD tests are completed properly, including overseeing the self-swabbing process, processing tests and logging results
  - wait for results, if staff are coming in to undertake tests on site prior to their shift
  - for those care homes that can undertake [indoor, close-contact visiting](#): welcoming visitors, gaining consent and overseeing that PPE is correctly donned.
- Costs associated with recruiting staff to facilitate increased testing
- Costs associated with the creation of a separate testing area where staff and visitors can be tested and wait for their result. This includes the cost of reduced occupancy where this is required to convert a bedroom into a testing area, but only if this is the only option available to the care home
- Costs associated with disposal of LFD tests and testing equipment

The fund is only intended to support additional rapid testing using LFDs. Existing regular PCR testing for staff and residents must continue as per [care home COVID-19 testing guidance for staff and residents](#).

# Deadlines for Spend Tracker return

Reporting Point	Provider Deadline	Information Required
Reporting Point 4	<b>15 February 2021</b>	Spending up to the end of January, and planned spending for the entirety of the fund
Reporting Point 5	<b>15 March 2021</b>	Spending up to the end of February, and planned spending for the entirety of the fund
Reporting Point 6	<b>15 April 2021</b>	Spending up to the end of March (the full lifetime of the grant).

Same deadlines as Infection Control Fund 2 Spend Tracker

# Other Support

- PPE Portal
- Infection Control Fund (ICF2)
- HCC Provider Support - reasonable Additional Costs due to COVID for commissioned providers not covered by PPE Portal and ICF2
- Workforce Capacity Fund - providers who can increase staffing capacity - in line with strict grant conditions – agreed on a case by case basis (see next slide)
- Contact your ACS Commissioner if any further support is required



# Workforce Capacity Fund

If you are able to increase capacity in your own workforce either with overtime or moving people from part time to full time or bring extra staff in, then you are able to give HCC a proposal.

Please do be aware that any request will need to comply with the conditions of the grant and **must** deliver measures to **supplement and strengthen adult social care staff capacity** to ensure that safe and continuous care is achieved to deliver the following outcomes:

- maintain care provision and continuity of care for recipients where pressing workforce shortages may put this at risk
- support providers to restrict staff movement between care homes and other care settings in all but exceptional circumstances, which is critical for managing the risk of outbreaks and infection in care homes
- support safe and timely hospital discharges to a range of care environments including domiciliary care, to prevent or address delays as a result of workforce shortages
- enable care providers to care for new service users where need arises