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To: info
Subject: FOIK175 - Financial Covid Support for Care Providers - FOI Response

Dear Martin Green

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST - REF NO - FOIK175

I refer to your request for information received on 12 February 2021 concerning Financial Covid Support for Care Providers. We are responding to your request within the statutory time frame of 20 working days.

I have copied in your original request and added our responses in **Bold**.

Request and Response

1. The nature of the additional and direct financial Covid support the Council has provided since the commencement of the pandemic.

The council applied a range of different levers to support providers which included all of the national grants to support providers, including Infection Control Funding, Testing Funding PPE , Payments in advance, workforce support, additional capacity, and wider corporate support to local businesses

2. Of the financial support referred to in (1) above, is it continuing? If not, for what period was it provided? If it is continuing, for how long will it continue?

Throughout 21/22

3. Of the financial support referred to in (1) above, did it include any support to address the financial impacts of falling occupancy levels?

We have worked closely with providers on a range of provider sustainability risk issue and helping them develop risk mitigation strategies

4. What was the care home occupancy level in your local area in March and April 2020 and what was this occupancy level in December 2020 and January 2021?

Average across the month based on National Data collection tool

March 2020 - 89%

April 2020 - 83%

December 2020 - 77%

January 2021- 77.6%

5. What fee level increases are being proposed by the Council for the year 2021/22?

It is not clear what specifically this question refers to. New frameworks are going into place for homecare and supported living. The council also consider

6. If not already addressed within the answers to questions (1) to (5) above, what other forms of financial support for care providers is the Council considering for the remainder of the financial year 2021/22 to assist the sustainability of their care service provision during this period?

Ongoing Infection Control funding

7. Has the Council consulted on any of the foregoing; if not does it propose doing so and when does it propose doing so?

Provider Welfare checks are regularly completed
Provider forums happen around a number of topics as required with providers
Risk and sustainability reviews are also undertaken

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled you have the right to ask for an internal review. Please notify us in writing as soon as possible with the grounds upon which you feel the appeal is justified to : foi@kingston.gov.uk or by post to Customer Care, Guildhall 2, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1EU

We aim to respond to you within 20 working days of receiving your request. If it is going to take longer we will let you know.

Should you still be dissatisfied with the outcome you have the right to refer to the Information Commissioner: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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