**Northumberland Summary:**

**LAST UPDATED: 19/5/2021**

**This document is intended as an overview of Care England Local Authority FOI’s and correspondence (where responded) with links to key information and documentation to help assist with Local Authority conversations and covers; 2020-21 and 2021-22 Local Authority funding and funding during the Covid pandemic, set alongside Core Spending data.**

**It is not conclusive and makes no comment or indication in respect of adequacy. It is designed to capture available information to aid Provider discussions or negotiations in respect of funding and Covid financial support with Local Authorities, or to ascertain if the stated funding was received.**

**Fee data is retained in the MINT system (where available):**

[**https://mint.careengland.org.uk/login**](https://mint.careengland.org.uk/login)**.**

**To access the links provided in this document, you will need to log into the Care England Members Area:**

[**http://www.careengland.org.uk/user/login**](http://www.careengland.org.uk/user/login)**.**

**If you require access to MINT, or the Care England Members Area, please email:**

[**info@careengland.org.uk**](mailto:info@careengland.org.uk)

**If you have any questions, concerns or issues relating to this data, please email:** [**LHolmes@CareEngland.org.uk**](mailto:LHolmes@CareEngland.org.uk)

These documents will be updated periodically as further information or updates are provided. Development is underway to meet the longer-term objective to access to this data via MINT which will link to the Care England Members Area directly.

**Local Authority Quick Reference as at: 19/5/2021**

**Authority (per MINT):** Northumberland

**.Gov Ecode:**  E2901

**Population 2020:** 322849

**Deprivation Score 2019:** 22.08

**Covid Tranche Non Ring-Fenced Additional Funding: Stating the additional funding allocated to authorities nationally for COVID-19:**

**Tranche National Northumberland Allocation**

Tranche 1 (£1.600bn): £10,025,450

Tranche 2 (£1.594bn): £9,079,661

Tranche 3 (£0.494bn): £2,712,084

Tranche 3 (£0.919bn): £3,164,059

**Total (£4.607bn): £24,981,254**

**Breakdown of national allocated funding by local authority**

**ICF1:**

it is expected that each care home should receive an amount per CQC registered bed, representing 75% of the funding. The remaining 25% to be allocated by the local authority to care homes or domiciliary care providers and support wider workforce resilience. [LINK TO SOURCE](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-infection-control-fund/grant-allocations-annex-b-of-circular)

**Allocation amount (A) £4,388,508**

Number of registered care home beds May 2020 (B) 3419

**ICF2:**

It is expected that each care home should receive an amount per CQC registered bed, and each community care provider should receive an amount per CQC registered community care user, representing 80% of the funding. The remaining 20% to be allocated by the local authority to care homes or community care providers and support wider workforce resilience. [LINK TO SOURCE](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-infection-control-fund-round-2/annex-b-grant-allocations)

Allocation to care homes (B) £2,252,762

Allocation to community care providers (C) £936,848

Allocation for other care settings and IPC measures (D £797,403

**Total allocation amount (A) £3,987,013**

Number of registered care home beds, September 2020 (E) 3398

Number of community care users, September 2020 (F) 2788

**RT & WFC at Jan 21:**

2020/21 Rapid Testing Allocation (£150m) £1,096,508

2020/21 Workforce Capacity Fund Allocation (£120m) £760,726

Registered Care home Beds (Jan21) 3459

Total Registered Beds (incl. Drug and Alcohol) 3459

**2021-22 RNF Grant Allocation (£1.55bn) (Relative Needs Formula) £8,509,576**

**ICF3 Update from April 21:**

Due to the success of the Infection Control Fund and the Rapid Testing Fund in supporting care providers to reduce transmission and re-enabling close contact visiting, these funding streams have been consolidated and extended until June 2021, with an extra £341 million of funding. [LINK TO SOURCE](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-social-care-infection-control-and-testing-fund/adult-social-care-infection-control-and-testing-fund-local-authority-circular)

Columns A to D contain the infection prevention and control (IPC) allocation (total quantum £202,500,000).

Columns E to G contain the rapid testing (RT) allocation (total quantum £138,695,000).

Allocation to care homes and residential drug and alcohol settings (A) £781,317

Allocation to community care providers (CT data) (B) £232,308

LA discretionary amount (C) £434,411

**Total IPC fund allocation amount (D) £1,448,036**

Allocation to care homes and residential drug and alcohol settings (E) £611,582

Discretionary community care funding (CT data) (F) £363,682

**Total RT fund allocation amount (G) £975,264**

**Local authority IPC and RT combined total (H) £2,423,300**

Total care home beds: (Mar21) 3458

Alcohol and drug service users: (Mar21) 0

Capacity tracker service user data: community care users: (Mar21) 3193

**Core Spending Power by Local Authority**

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|  | **2020-21 £m** | **% Change 20-21** | **2021-22 £m** | **% Change 21-22** |
| **Core Spending Power** | 299.2 | 6.4% | 313.3 | 4.7% |
| **Settlement Funding Assessment** | 79.4 |  | 79.4 |  |
| **Business Rate Compensation** | 2.8 |  | 3.6 |  |
| **Council Tax excl. Precepts** | 188.2 |  | 188.2 |  |
| **IBCF** | 12.1 |  | 12.1 |  |
| **Social Care Grant** | 8.4 |  | 9.5 |  |
| **New Homes Bonus** | 6.0 |  | 4.3 |  |
| **Rural Delivery Grant** | 2.3 |  | 2.5 |  |
| **Lower Tier Grant** |  |  | 0.4 |  |

**Financial Support Plan from Council Website detailing how funds are/were spent (July 20):**

**(COPY LINK TO BROWSER)**

https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Care/Support/Care-services.aspx#carehomesupportplan

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| **FOI Question (Feb 2021)**  **COVID/Occupancy/Fees** | **Response**  **LOGIN TO CARE ENGLAND MEMBERS AREA THEN COPY AND PASTE LINKS INTO BROWSER TO ACCESS DATA SOURCE.** |
| **FOI Response Detail**  **(blank means no response)** | http://www.careengland.org.uk/sites/careengland/files/Sunderland%20City%20Council%20and%20North%20East%20ADASS%20letter%20to%20Martin%20Green%20150221\_1.docx |
| 1. The nature of the additional and direct financial Covid support the Council has provided since the commencement of the pandemic. | NE ADASS Letter from Chair Fiona Brown states unable to respond due to COVID and Budget Setting Process |
| 1. 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? | NE ADASS Letter from Chair Fiona Brown states unable to respond due to COVID and Budget Setting Process |
| 1. Of the financial support referred to in (1) above, did it include any support to address the financial impacts of falling occupancy levels? | NE ADASS Letter from Chair Fiona Brown states unable to respond due to COVID and Budget Setting Process |
| 1. 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? | NE ADASS Letter from Chair Fiona Brown states unable to respond due to COVID and Budget Setting Process |
| 1. What fee level increases are being proposed by the Council for the year 2021/22? | NE ADASS Letter from Chair Fiona Brown states unable to respond due to COVID and Budget Setting Process |
| 1. 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? | NE ADASS Letter from Chair Fiona Brown states unable to respond due to COVID and Budget Setting Process |
| 1. Has the Council consulted on any of the foregoing; if not does it propose doing so and when does it propose doing so? | NE ADASS Letter from Chair Fiona Brown states unable to respond due to COVID and Budget Setting Process |

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| **FOI Question (Apr 2021)**  **Annual Fee Uplifts for 2021-22** | **Response**  **LOGIN TO CARE ENGLAND MEMBERS AREA THEN COPY AND PASTE LINKS INTO BROWSER TO ACCESS DATA SOURCE.** |
| Date of Response: | 15/4/2021 |
| FOI Response Status: | Complete |
| FOI Response Link (where responded) | http://www.careengland.org.uk/sites/careengland/files/Northumberland%20response%20-%20April%202021.htm |
| Q1: Please confirm where you have published online, your Local Authority 2020/21 Over 65 Nursing, Nursing Dementia, Residential and Residential Dementia Fee Rates. Please provide a link to where this communication was published, and a copy of any media sent to Providers evidencing this decision (link). | Not published online but providers made aware by Contract and formal Letter (not provided) |
| Q2: Please confirm whether you have decided your 2021/22 Over 65 Nursing, Nursing Dementia, Residential and Residential Dementia Fee Rates. (yes/no). | Yes |
| Q2a: if yes: When was the decision made (date)? Please provide a link to the dated document confirming this decision (link) | 04/03/2021 (Communication date, not decision date) |
| Q2a: if yes: When was the decision made (date)? Please provide a link to the dated document confirming this decision (link) | The decision was communicated to all providers operating care homes within Northumberland in a letter sent on 4 March. A copy of this letter is attached. Enclosed with the letter was a copy of the draft contract, which included the fee rates. (A final version of the contract for signature was sent later in the month, incorporating revisions to take account of some comments on the detail of the draft, but the fee decision was taken at the start of the month and notified in this letter.) |
| Q2b: if yes: From what date is the 2021/22 fee rate to be applied (date) | 1/4/2021 |
| Q2c: if yes: Where are the rates published currently online for Providers? Please provide a link and a copy of any media sent to Providers evidencing this decision (link) | http://www.careengland.org.uk/sites/careengland/files/Northumberland%20-%2004%20March%20letter%20with%20draft%20contract.pdf |
| Q2d: f yes: How were, or are Providers consulted on this decision (free text)? | We wrote to all providers of care homes for older people in Northumberland in early January, setting out our provisional views about issues relating to fee levels and contract terms, and inviting comments – the attached letter summarises the comments which we received. The decision was also informed by a series of meetings over a period of 18 months with a care home association representing a number of the larger providers operating in our area, and some smaller homes, and also draws on less formal discussions with care home operators outside this association. |
| Q2e: if no: When will the decision be made (date)? | N/A |
| Q2f: if no: What is the process and timeline remaining for this unmade decision (free text)? Please provide a link to any documents outlining the current process with provisional or draft proposals being considered (link) | N/A |
| Q2g: if no: How are Providers to be consulted on the decision (free text)? | N/A |
| Q2h: if no: Where will the decision be published online for Providers? Please provide a link (link) | N/A |
| Q2i: if no: From what date is the 2021/22 fee rate to be applied (date) | N/A |
| Q2j: if no: Are there any circumstances which will result in a fee uplift not being provided (free text)? Please provide a link to where this is explained for Providers (link) | N/A |
| Q3k: For rates which are above the Base Fee Rates published, please confirm:  What percentage uplift or mechanism was applied to each fee or care type for 2020/21 (percentage/free text) | All fee rates under our contract are included in the tables above (see FOI Response). Precise percentage uplifts vary because the fees are notionally split into two components, one of which is uplifted in proportion to the national living wage, and the other in proportion to a general inflation indicator (which has changed from April 2021 from CPI to CPIH). For 2021/22, all fee rates have been uplifted by an additional 3%. |
| Q3l: What percentage uplift or mechanism is to be applied to each fee or care type for 2021/22 (percentage/free text) | All fee rates under our contract are included in the tables above (see FOI response). Precise percentage uplifts vary because the fees are notionally split into two components, one of which is uplifted in proportion to the national living wage, and the other in proportion to a general inflation indicator (which has changed from April 2021 from CPI to CPIH). For 2021/22, all fee rates have been uplifted by an additional 3%. |
| Q4m: Please provide details of the provider representative association/s that you engaged with on all matters relating to over 65’s care homes:  Association/s name/entity (free text) | Northumberland branch of the regional association Care North East |
| Q4n: Name of the primary contact (name) | https://www.carenortheast.org/index.php |
| Q4o: Email address (email address) | https://www.carenortheast.org/index.php |
| Q4p Postal address (postal address) | https://www.carenortheast.org/index.php |
| Q4q: Contact number (telephone number) | https://www.carenortheast.org/index.php |
| Q5: Can you please confirm which Local Authority/Authorities your response is on behalf of (free text). | Northumberland County Council |
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