

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
Date Of Decision	19 March 2020
Decision Maker	Elaine Carolan, Interim Strategic Director of People
Brief Description Of Decision	<p>To purchase care over and above a person's agreed care and support plan, including where it is to avoid admission or as part of the hospital discharge process, in order to ensure the person is safe and well pending changes to services and social distancing expectations</p> <p>The care to avoid hospital admission and as part of the hospital discharge process will be funded by the COVID-19 discharge grant via the CCGs and as such should be no cost to the authority apart from cash flow (i.e. the time elapsed from payment for care until the income is received from CCGs)</p> <p>The expenditure relating to purchasing other additional care will be for the authority to fund from its share of the national £3.2bn allocation.</p> <p>To not charge for any additional element of care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If relevant to hospital discharges and in line with the hospital discharge guidance from government, this will also be covered by the additional CCG funding where relevant • If local authority related, it will be funded from the local authority COVID grant. <p>The cost of the additional care, and loss of income, will be monitored and reported on a regular basis, and where applicable, claims from the CCG will be made monthly.</p> <p>The Cabinet member was consulted as part of making the decision.</p>
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>Covid-19 emergency arrangements have resulted in some care options being withdrawn on a temporary basis due to social distancing and staff shortages, and social distancing itself has restricted opportunities for people to engage in social and community activities.</p> <p>Care and support can still be provided in line with the Care Act but in some cases this will result in additional cost</p>

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Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	The council has the power under the Coronavirus Act 2020 to prioritise services and therefore not make this additional provision. However, this can only be exercised where both demand and staff shortages means this is the only alternative. This has not arisen locally.
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	n/a

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