

Infection Control Fund allocation to community providers

[Guidance for the Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund Round 2](#) was published on 1 October. This sets out the infection control measures that the new infection control fund will support, including information on the distribution of funds and reporting requirements. Local authorities should pass funding to:

- care homes within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per beds' basis
- CQC-regulated community care providers (domiciliary care, extra care and supported living) within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per user' basis.

This includes social care providers with whom the local authority does not have existing contracts.

As outlined in annex B of the [local authority circular](#) (October 2020), the 'per user' allocation of this funding for community care providers is based on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Community Care Users as collected at the time of providers' anniversary date and is based upon an average number of service users receiving regulated activities in a seven day period. Where there has been a change in these user numbers since that data was collected, local authorities can use more up to date information to make the allocation to their providers. Local authorities who choose to do this should inform the department of the basis of their decision.

Since April 2020, CQC have collected a COVID-19 daily return from regulated community care providers. This is similar to the information collected from Care Homes through Capacity Tracker. All councils can get access to the information provided through this daily return through the Covid-19 Adult Social Care Tracker hosted on LG Inform. The daily return from community care providers includes the number of service users.

If your council does not already have access to the **Covid-19 Adult Social Care Tracker**, please email adass.lga.covid@local.gov.uk with a request authorised by your DASS to request access.

Please note that not all community care providers currently submit a regular return. They can receive a link to upload their data by contacting Covid-19DailyUpdateCQC@cqc.org.uk