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Dear Care Home Partner,

RE: Financial Support Arrangements

Firstly, we would like to thank you and your staff for your continued work supporting some of the most vulnerable people in the borough during this unprecedented time.

As previously communicated, the additional weekly payments of £50 per placement are ending on 30th June 2020. This is to enable us to review the expenditure to date and consider how we may continue to support those providers experiencing significant hardship.

You will shortly receive a payment from the remaining 25% of funding from the Infection Control Fund. This payment will be primarily for PPE costs, but can also be used to support wider workforce resilience, and your payment will be made based on the following calculation;

Number of CQC Registered Beds	x	£17 per bed per week	x	7 Weeks
		<i>(Average weekly PPE expenditure per placement, taken from the analysis of the Provider additional cost templates)</i>		<i>(13th May – 30th June, however this does not mean that Providers can only use the funding for costs incurred in this period, but it does mean that it cannot cover costs incurred prior to 13th May)</i>

For example, a care home with 30 CQC registered beds will receive £3,570.

In summary, financial support provided to date has been made up of £50 per placement, the funding allocation from the Infection Control Fund - 75% element and the new funding outlined above from the remaining 25% of the fund. We are therefore

pausing the processes and analysis of the financial templates of submissions at this point in the COVID-19 response. The financial template returns you have shared with us have been invaluable intelligence to inform decisions around the model of financial support offered in Sefton to Care Homes and we thank you for your commitment to transparency and openness on the use of public funds.

This decision has been made as the Infection Control Fund has resulted in Providers being able to meet expenditure on areas such as staffing and PPE, which may have previously been reported on the templates, and this, together with the additional £50 per placement payments will have provided funding to meet costs reported in submitted templates. However, it may be the case that in the future, we may ask you to submit a template as part of further analysis of the overall financial impact of COVID-19 on Providers.

In total the market has now received **£4.5m** in financial support, together with operational/practical support to help you to continue to deliver services and consider new admissions during this time. We hope that these combined measures have provided greater stability and helps you to continue to deliver the vital care and support you offer in Sefton.

With respect to the issue of paying for voids in care homes, we are aware that some other Local Authorities have made payments, however this has typically only been in certain situations and for certain set time periods. We are still considering this issue, and this is why we have re-iterated the ask of Providers submitting their bed utilisation declarations as this is not only being used to make the additional £50 payments but is also being used to assess the voids issue across the whole Sefton market.

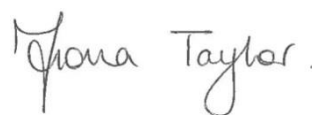
As ever we would wish to take the opportunity to reiterate that any Providers who continue to express significant financial pressure please communicate this with us and we will pick these conversations up directly, via an Open Book Accounting approach and over the coming weeks we will be offering those care home operators with excess voids a meeting with us to discuss ways of improving the bed utilisation level and discuss any future plans.

Yours sincerely



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