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To:
Local Authority Chief Executives
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Financial Support for Adult Social Care Providers

Dear colleague

We are pleased to provide an update regarding the arrangements for Financial Support for Adult Social Care Providers, which form part of the financial support that the Scottish Government has agreed with COSLA to help the adult social care sector meet additional costs related to COVID-19.

The current agreed arrangements for financial support which run until 31 March 2022 cover payments:

- for additional costs relating to remobilisation and adhering to public health measures, including, additional staffing, PPE, IPC, and the Social Care Staff Support Fund;
- in the event of a service having to stop or close to new admissions due to COVID-19 outbreaks and/or COVID-19 related Public Health advice, for a period of more than 28 consecutive days, in line with current guidance; or,
- in the event of a group support or day service running at a reduced service due to COVID-19 related Public Health advice, in line with current guidance.

We can confirm that the Scottish Government and COSLA Leaders have agreed to extend financial support arrangements until the 30 June 2022. We will continue to monitor costs and regularly review the Scottish Government guidance and the

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additional cost annex. Updated Guidance will be available on the [Scottish Government website](#) on 1 April 2022.

The powers underpinning the regulations for the Social Care Staff Support Fund expire on 31 March 2022 and, in order to continue the fund, an extension to the legislative powers will be required. A further update will be provided on this in the coming weeks regarding the extension of the Social Care Staff Support Fund beyond the 31 March 2022.

We recognise the challenges for both providers and commissioners alike in submitting and processing the necessary information to ensure these payments can be made. It is vital that providers and commissioners continue to work together to ensure that the information is submitted and processed in a timely way to protect the sustainability of the sector and ensure adequate resources are made available.

We would once again like to thank all of Scotland's dedicated social care and healthcare staff for their hard work and continuing efforts.

Yours sincerely



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