

SERVICE SPECIFICATION

SERVICE	Support to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals advised to shield
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PERIOD	22 December 2020 to 31 March 2021

OVERVIEW

Essex County Council (ECC) have received £910,000 from The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to support the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) during the Coronavirus pandemic and to help meet the costs created by these additional pressures on councils.

In circumstances where shielding is advised for CEV individuals, councils will be responsible for assessing food and basic support needs and facilitating the delivery of that support. Under the national registration model, councils will be required to carry out local follow-up action to determine the appropriate response.

To support this activity, ECC is allocating a portion of this funding to district councils based on number of CEV population in these areas.

SCOPE

Harlow District Council (HDC) is to be provided the below funding based on £10 per CEV resident in the local authority area.

District	Total CEV volumes	Funding (£)
HDC	4,849	£48,490

Funding is provided to support shielding residents, in line with MHCLG guidance on Shielding framework.

Eligible costs include: covering the overheads of setting up and managing the local system, contacting CEV individuals within the relevant area, assessing the food and basic support needs of CEV individuals where required, and facilitating the delivery of that support where necessary, as well as reporting on key aggregate outcome measures. Funding will account for the direct provision of food on an exception only basis.

Criteria:

Full details of how this funding can be used is set out in ***COVID-19 Guidance to local authorities on support to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals advised to shield.*** (APPENDIX 1).

Any spend made over and above the allocation will be the liability of the District, Borough or City Council.

HDC must commit spend by 31 March 2021. Unspent funds will be returned to ECC by the end of March 2021.

HDC is required to submit to ECC a spending plan outlining how they plan to spend their funds by 31 January 2021.

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

HDC is also required to submit monthly reports to enable ECC to meet the reporting requirements of MHCLG who wish to seek assurances that a consistent and high-quality support offer is available to all those advised to follow shielding measures.

MHCLG anticipate collecting data on the following information. HDC should collect the following to meet the reporting requirements of this funding:

- Numbers of CEVS contacted and needs assessed and those the council was unable to contact
- Number of CEVS the council has supported to access food (paid for by individual or costs met in whole or part by local authority) and numbers of those who did not need food support after follow-up
- Numbers of CEVS provided with basic support and/or social contact and numbers of those who did not need basic support after follow-up
- Reports on spend including relevant breakdown

REPORTING SCHEDULE

A reporting template to be agreed with ECC will be completed and be submitted on a monthly basis.