

Charging for Social Care Support during COVID 19

Information for Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs), Local Authorities and Integration Authorities

Local Authorities and Integration Authorities can use local powers and be flexible with charging where it is believed to be appropriate. When making any decisions about charging it is important to make sure there is consistency across the self-directed support options.

Scottish Government has agreed with COSLA that reasonable additional costs for health and social care related to COVID-19 can be met through local mobilisation plans. This includes additional payments (for example to ensure flexibility in the use of option 1 and option 2 budgets) so that services remain sustainable and the workforce continue to be paid, including when they are not at work due to COVID-19. It also includes a loss of income to the Local Authority or Integration Authority.

The guidance here should be read together with:

[Principals for Provider Sustainability Payments](#)

[COSLA Guidance for Commissioned Services](#)

[Guidance on self-directed support options 1 and 2 for during COVID-19](#)