

ASC and Housing Needs – our Covid-19 response

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The context – ASC

Prior to onset of Covid-19, the following calculations were made about the level of funding required to put ASC on a more sustainable footing:

House of Lords – advocated £8bn pa to restore care quality and access levels to 2009/10 levels, address increased pressures on unpaid carers and unmet needs

Health Foundation – estimates that to meet the expected growth in demand from an ageing population and increase pay would cost £6bn by 2023/24

Going into the pandemic, therefore, ASC was already under-resourced to deal with the covid-19 pandemic by failure of successive governments of all political colours to recognise and understand how important it is to the people and carers who need it (and the 1.4 millions people who work in it); by the failure to put social care on a sustainable and enduring footing.

Post covid-19 – in the context of a (highly probable) long and deep recession, ASC is a major part of the IoW economy and needs to be factored into regeneration plans.



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Government response to Covid and ASC – a whistlestop tour

- Government published the DTA requirements on 19 March which included the requirement to discharge all people from hospital within 3 hours of being declared medically fit for discharge. As part of these requirements, Government allocated £1.3Bn to CCGs who became financially responsible for funding (up to 12 weeks) people needing care and support NOT ALREADY FUNDED BY ASC to leave hospital and avoid hospital admission. Government has recently updated this guidance and CCGs will continue to be responsible for funding care for up to 6 weeks for the same group of people.
- On 15 April, Govt published the ASC Action Plan – which included the need for all people being discharged from hospital to care homes to be tested for covid.
- Councils has to develop and submit a Care Homes Support Plan by 29 May. This was developed in partnership with colleagues from health and care providers.
- The Adult Social Care Taskforce was established 9 June – and its final report will be published in September (no firm date as yet).
- We have been notified that ASC will need to develop a winter plan – to be submitted to DHSC by mid October. We expect to receive the guidance imminently. We understand that Government is also considering an additional round of the Infection Control Fund – but this is to be formalised.
- Finally, we have been notified that we will have to complete a self assessment about risks facing local care providers – and the mitigating actions that we will take against those risks.



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The focus on care providers

- The response of ASC (care providers, social workers, commissioners) has been magnificent – as has been the NHS and the people who work in it.
- The response of the NHS has also been magnificent – as has been the roles played by family carers and the VCS in keeping shielding and keeping people safe.
- A key lesson is that a pandemic response that focussed on emptying hospital beds WITHOUT considering the impact on social care had huge consequences: e.g., not starting testing of people entering care homes from hospital until 15 April. Social care was, initially, an afterthought.



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CQC Registered Social Care Provision IOW – The Numbers 8.9.20

- **HOME CARE PROVIDERS**
 - Enable 1,220 people to live well in the community
 - Employ 1,082 Care Staff

- **RESIDENTIAL CARE PROVIDERS**
 - Enable 1,190 people to live well in residential care
 - Employ 1,496 care Staff
 - Employ 403 ancillary staff

- **NURSING HOMES**
 - Enable 451 people to live well in nursing care
 - Employ 411 Care Staff
 - Employ 71 Nurses
 - Employ 174 ancillary staff

- NB: In addition, there are 288 Personal Assistants accredited on our PA Hub – supporting people in receipt of Personal Budget/Direct payments.



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Covid and ASC: Support to care providers

- **PPE:** care providers have experienced very significant pressures , especially in securing masks and face covering (gloves and aprons are the usual PPE uniform in ASC). Providers have also faced hyperinflation costs for PPE. As of (date), the Council has made available approximately 200,000 items of PPE available to care providers whose own stocks have become dangerously low. This has been free to care providers.
- **Financial support:** the Council has the £9m received from Govt to help meet costs of covid-19 in ASC. This enabled us to temporarily uplift to uplift care fees paid to providers by 10% from 16 March for 12 weeks. (at a total cost of...) This cost £898,485.
- In addition, we have received £2.58M in the form of the Infection Control Fund in order to further support care providers. Government provided strict criteria as to how councils should allocate this money and we have had to submit verification of our allocation to MHCLG and DHSC



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Infection Control Fund

Allocation paid in two instalments totalling £2,584,973

Allocation of fund	Breakdown of funding	Description
75% of the fund must be allocated straight to care homes on a per bed basis	£1,919,830 paid to providers in two instalments: 1 st June 2020 and 5 th August 2020	74 providers with a total bed capacity of 1,930
25% of the fund used to support other COVID-19 infection control measures	£200,000 paid to Homecare providers on 27 th July 2020 £200,000 held for 2 nd instalment to Homecare providers £119,000 held for Supported Living services £8,000 held for support to community service provision £58,000 held to support day service providers (work underway to determine how to allocate) £80,143 held as a contingency where further care home support is required	31 homecare providers broken down into three payment brackets: Small £3,500, Medium £6,000, Large £10,000 49 Supported Living providers broken down into four payment brackets: 1-5 residents £1,000 6-15 residents £3,000 6-20 residents £5,000 21+ residents £7,000 8 Community services providers receiving £1,000 each



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Isle of Wight Council Emergency PPE Service since 9/09/20

Number of individual providers supported

Home Care and PA's - 63
Residential and Nursing Homes 56

Domiciliary Care Providers

Totals number of items since: 112,980

FFP3 Masks	102
IIR Surgical Masks (FRSM) -	16,600
Nitrile Gloves	69,510
Aprons	23,350
Hand Sanitiser 50ml	34.84 ltrs
Safety glasses	531 pairs
Safety Visors	543

Residential and Nursing Home

Total Number of items: 241,555

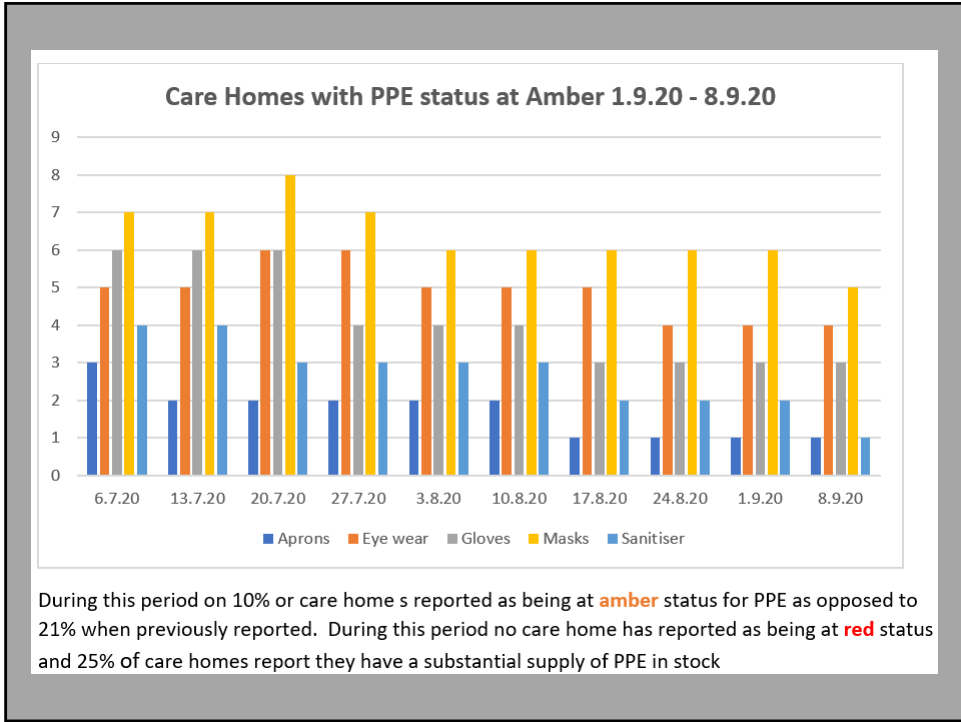
FFP3 Masks	714
IIR Surgical Masks (FRSM)	37,170
Nitrile Gloves	151,100
Aprons	49,300
Hand Sanitiser 50ml	52.48 ltrs
Safety glasses	1498 pairs
Safety Visors	1630

Total number of items provided to both settings 354,535

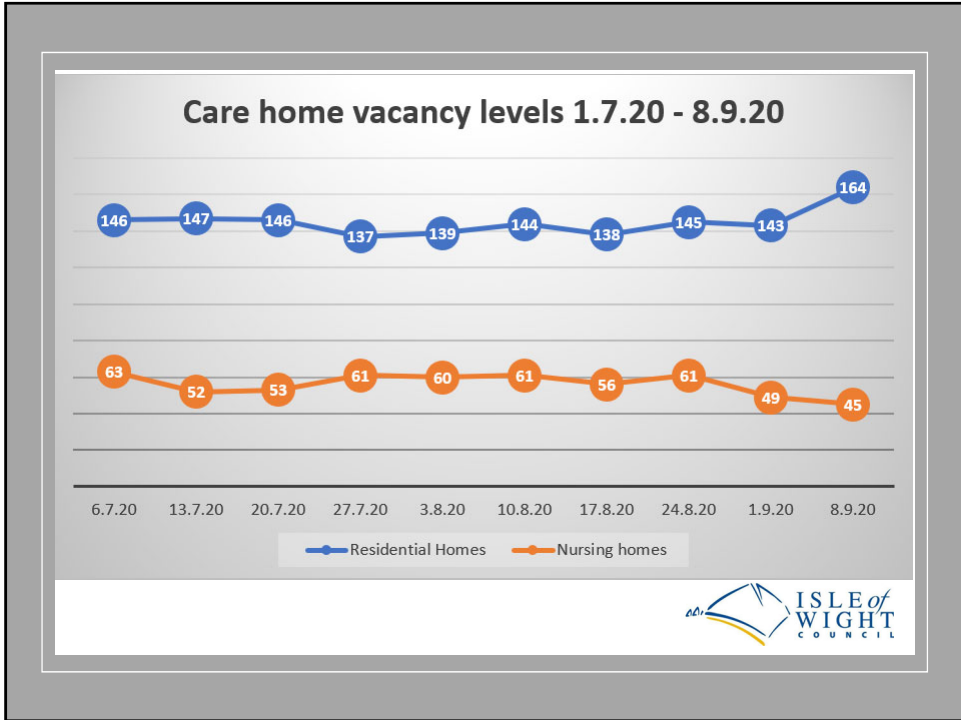
Total number of individual request from both settings 302



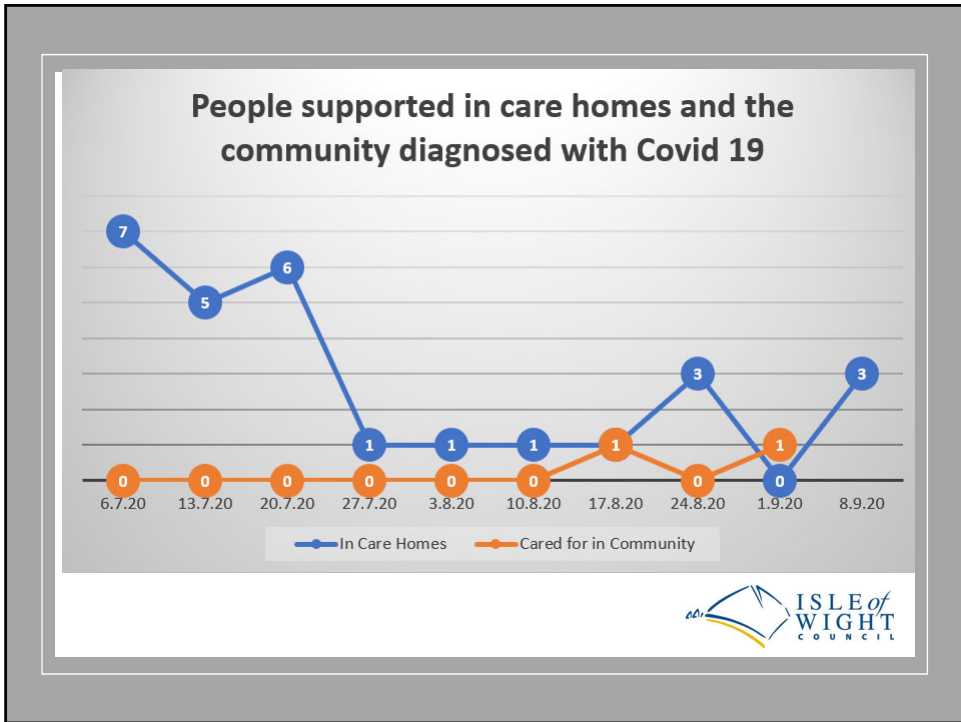
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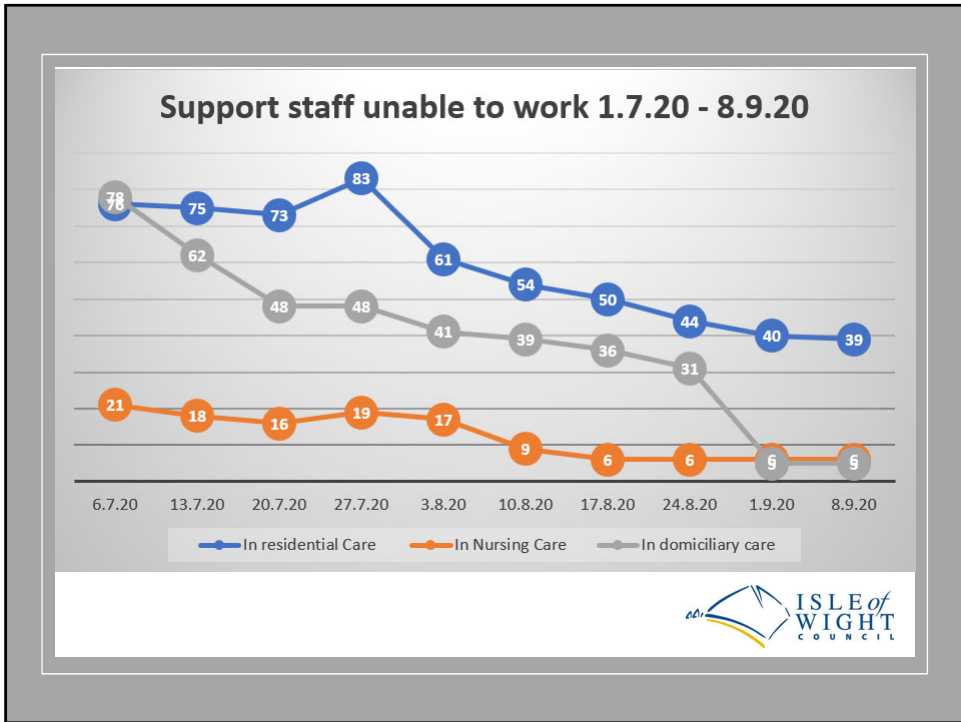
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Feedback from Providers

- On behalf of Ward House residents and staff, I would like to pass on our sincere thanks for the continued support that the Isle of Wight local authority have given us in the past few weeks. The current situation has been unprecedented, and we feel that you and your team have risen to the challenge, thought outside the box and achieved the support that we need.
- Thank you very much. Stay safe and well and we really appreciate the work you are doing!!!! - Highfield Nursing Home
- Thank you so much , this is a massive help and will relieve some of the pressure we are all feeling !! - The Briars
- Extremely grateful that St. Helena will be supplied IIR Disposable Masks Thank you for your help and support to keep our staff safe.-St Helena
- The CEO has asked me to thank you for providing a very valuable and efficient service. You are all doing a very important work in supporting us in the front line - thank you 🙏🙏🙏- Ryde House Group
- Thank you for your thoughtful help and support.- Downside House



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