



Information on grant funding for the introduction of Sensor Based Falls Prevention and Detection (SBFPD) technologies in CARE HOMES

The information contained here describes the conditions that need to be met by an Adult Social Care Provider (referred from now on as “the grant recipient”) in order to access funding provided by Dorset Council, acting on behalf of OUR DORSET (the Dorset ICS), referred from now on as “the funding authority”.

The Grant Recipient shall use the grant by the funding authority solely towards the purchase and installation of Sensor Based Falls Prevention and Detection technologies (SBFPD).

Several such sensor-based technologies are available in the market, and more are being introduced. The Grant Recipient is free to choose the system which they feel most closely matches their operational requirements.

The Grant Recipient may choose to install more than one type of SBFPD technologies either within one setting, or across more settings.

Multiple applications from the same ASC provider will be accepted and each one will be evaluated individually.

The Grant recipient will need to inform Dorset Council on their choice of SBFPD technology.

The Grant Recipient and the Council will agree on the type of the SBFPD technology(ies) chosen and the number of sensors that will be deployed. These details will be documented in the Grant Funding Agreement that the two parties will sign.

The council reserves the right to ask for more information around the chosen technology – system, and to refuse funding. Reasons for refusing to fund a system might include, but are not limited to, things like the system being experimental and installed as a trial only, the system not being able to link with Digital Social Care Record (DSCR) systems and the SBFPD provider having no plans to make the system accessible via open API’s.

The Grant Recipient will commit to introduce their chosen SBFPD technology(ies) in such a way, and at such numbers, so that by March 2025, the SBFPD technology(ies) is able

to monitor at least 20% of the total number of beds within the care home, or 20% of the number of residents who are assessed as being at a high risk of falls.

Amount of Funding

The funding will be provided as a one-off contribution towards the cost of introducing a SBFPD technology solution in the grant recipients setting. The maximum amount of Funding will be capped at £6,000 for each location that an application is made for. Any funding received will need to be matched, £ for £ by the Grant Recipient.

Applications from Grant Recipients who operate across several locations will also be considered.

If a Grant Recipient operates several care homes, the maximum funding each location can apply for is £6,000. This maximum will apply for each location separately and applications cannot be pulled together. By way of illustration, should a Grant Recipient wish to introduce a SBFPD technology in two care homes.

Care home 1 projected cost is £6,000. Maximum contribution by the Council will be £3,000

Care home 2 projected cost is £15,000. Maximum contribution by the Council will be £6,000.

The Grant Recipient cannot apply to receive £9,000 for care home two, on the basis that the implementation cost for care home 1 did not use the maximum available Funding.

The table below presents the amount of Funding, according to the total implementation cost of introducing a SBFPD technology in a provider setting. It also shows the amount of match funding the Grant Recipient must provide to cover the total invoice amount.

SBFPD Implementation cost (excluding VAT) up to	COUNCIL MAXIMUM Contribution in % terms	COUNCIL MAXIMUM Contribution in ££	Care Provider Contribution	Match funding required for every £1 in grant money
£5,000.00	50%	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£1.00
£6,000.00	50%	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£1.00
£7,000.00	50%	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£1.00
£8,000.00	50%	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£1.00
£9,000.00	50%	£4,500.00	£4,500.00	£1.00
£10,000.00	50%	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£1.00
£11,000.00	50%	£5,500.00	£5,500.00	£1.00
£12,000.00	50%	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	£1.00
£13,000.00	46%	£6,000.00	£7,000.00	£1.16
£14,000.00	42%	£6,000.00	£8,000.00	£1.30
£15,000.00	40%	£6,000.00	£9,000.00	£1.50
£15,000.01 and above		Capped at £6,000.00	Remainder of invoice	

For successful applications, funding will be provided in the form of reimbursement from the funding authority. We will need to receive copies of the final invoice that was issued, together with proof that the invoice has been paid in full before the funding authority credits your account or issues a cheque.

The Funding will cover SBFPD set up fees, staff training costs, sensor costs, licence costs and data handling costs as charged by the SBFPD technology supplier. Costs relating to integrating the SBFPD technology with an existing Digital Social Care Record (DSCR) can also be covered.

The Funding will NOT cover infrastructure costs. This includes (but is not limited to) items such as new broadband connections, Wi-Fi equipment, switches, routers, laptops or desktops, photocopiers, scanners, printers, handheld devices and Nurse call systems.

The Grant Recipient is responsible for paying all VAT costs associated with introducing the SBFPD technology.

In the event that the implementation of the SBFPD technology(ies) incurs recurring yearly fees (i.e. sensor subscription costs, data handling costs, licence fees, API key costs etc), these will be met by the Grant Recipient. The Grant Funding is provided as a one-off contribution.

Obligations undertaken as part of the funding:

The grant recipient has the freedom to choose which SBFPD technology to introduce in their setting. We strongly recommend that you obtain at least two quotes and explore various systems.

To be considered for funding the grant recipient shall adhere to the following general principles.

1. Be a Care home (with or without nursing), registered with the CQC
2. Have an active NHSmail @nhs.net or @gov.uk account or an accredited email conforming to DCB 1596, or DSPT standards met or evidence of working towards meeting the standards.
3. The Grant Recipient will need to ensure that a Digital Social Care record (DSCR) system, preferably from an Assured Supplier, is in place within their care home prior to applying for funding.
4. Provide the Council with information on their chosen SBFPD technology(ies) and work with the Council to ensure that the chosen technology(ies) meet the target of covering at least 20% of the total number of beds in the care home, or 20% of residents who are classed as being at a high risk of falls.
5. Submit a completed application form for each location where a SBFPD technology will be introduced
6. Provide the funding authority with anonymised periodic reports by filling out the template provided. This will help us to better measure the positive impact of SBFPD technologies in your setting and in the overall level of care services within our ICS
7. Agree to participate in and co-operate with promotional activities relating to the project that may be instigated and/or organised by the funding authority.