

**SUBJECT: INFECTION CONTROL (local test and trace service funding)**

1. The Department of Health and Social Care announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> May that they will allocate funding to local authorities in England, working with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on the allocation formula. The funding is ring-fenced for this specific purpose. £300 million will immediately be allocated to local authorities in England.
2. In their announcement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May the Department of Health and Social Care said

“Local authorities will be central to supporting the new test and trace service across England, with the government providing a new funding package of £300 million. Each local authority will be given funding to develop tailored outbreak control plans, working with local NHS and other stakeholders. Work on the plans will start immediately. Their plans will focus on identifying and containing potential outbreaks in places such as workplaces, housing complexes, care homes and schools. As part of this work, local authorities will also need to ensure testing capacity is deployed effectively to high-risk locations. Local authorities will work closely with the test and trace service, local NHS and other partners to achieve this”.

3. More detail can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/300-million-additional-funding-for-local-authorities-to-support-new-test-and-trace-service>

4. The Government announced on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 that Southampton City Council would be allocated £1.571M as their element of the Test and Trace Grant. Plans will now be drawn up on how this funding is best utilised.

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