

Edinburgh gets government funding for social care costs

An initial funding package to help the social care sector in Edinburgh deal with the financial implications of coronavirus has been welcomed.

The £4.056 million funding was confirmed by The Scottish Government as part of a £50 million package for the sector across the whole of Scotland.

The funding is to help address immediate challenges faced in the social care sector and support ongoing provision of social care.

Health and Social Care Partnerships across Scotland have all put in place mobilisation plans to ensure the health and social care system is as well placed as possible to address the Covid-19 pandemic.

SNP MSP Gordon MacDonald said: “The social care sector is at the frontline of the current pandemic and will inevitably face additional costs.

“This funding demonstrates the Scottish Government’s commitment to social care and will ensure that any increasing need for social care as a result of the pandemic is met.

“I’m sure I speak on behalf of everyone in Edinburgh when I share my utmost gratitude towards those working in social care, and all of our frontline key workers, who are doing vital work in the most difficult of circumstances.”