

Annex 2 –Contain Outbreak Management Fund - Department of Health and Social Care
guidance extract

Payment of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund will be made to Upper Tier Local Authorities, for onwards disbursement, to put additional public health and outbreak response measures in place. Funded activities are based on local need and the Department of Health and Social Care has provided the following example projects/activities that may be appropriate to fund;

At COVID Alert Level Medium and High it is to fund the following activities:

- a) Targeted testing for hard-to-reach groups out of scope of other testing programmes.
- b) Additional contact tracing.
- c) Enhanced communication and marketing e.g. towards hard-to-reach groups and other localised messaging.
- d) Delivery of essentials for those in self-isolation.
- e) Targeted interventions for specific sections of the local community and workplaces.
- f) Harnessing capacity within local sectors (voluntary, academic, commercial).
- g) Extension/introduction of specialist support (behavioural science, bespoke comms).
- h) Additional resource for compliance with, and enforcement of, restrictions and guidance

Local COVID Alert Level Very High has a broader scope, to support local economies and public health. To include activities such as (this list is not exhaustive):

- i) Measures to support the continued functioning of commercial areas and their compliance with public health guidance.
- j) Funding Military Aid to the Civil Authorities (marginal costs only).
- k) Targeted support for school/university outbreaks.
- l) Community-based support for those disproportionately impacted such as the BAME population.
- m) Support for engagement and analysis of regional areas to assess and learn from local initiatives.
- n) Providing initial support, as needed, to vulnerable people classed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable who are following tier 3 guidance.
- o) Support for rough sleepers.