

Exempt Appendix A – Winter Pressure Fund 2021-22 – Programme of Spend

	Intervention	Provider	Value	Arrangements
1(a)	<p><u>Nightly Paid Accommodation</u> <i>Nightly rate for 5 x hotel rooms 29/11/21 to 31/03/22</i> <i>Additional cleaning, damage, support/security</i> TOTAL</p>	Unspecified	<p>£64,819 £34,884 £81,445</p>	Will be spot purchased according to identified need under the arrangements outlined below
1(b)	<p><u>Block booking supported accommodation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly rate for 5 x bedspaces in existing supported accommodation commissioned through NCC Housing Related Support for people with Mental Health from 29/11/21 to 03/41/22 	Framework	£18,258	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time limited variation to existing Recovery Service contract within the Accommodation Based Mental Health Support Services provided by Framework. The variation will decrease the number of bedspaces by 5 and the contract value by £18,258. This contract was tendered and awarded in April 2021 and runs for 3+2+2+2 years until 2030 at a maximum total value of £2,534,967 Temporary variation to existing Rough Sleeper Supported Accommodation contract with Framework to increase number of bedspaces by 5 and contract value by £18,258. This contract has been direct awarded annually since July 2018 and runs until 31 March 2022 at a cumulative value of £604,156
2	<p><u>Extended day centre opening hours</u> Funding for staffing and service costs to enable Emmanuel House day centre to open from 5am-9am, 7 days per week from 29/11/21 to 31/03/22</p>	Emmanuel House	£42,676	<p>The Emmanuel House Day Centre is not a commissioned service and so there is no existing contract. A funding agreement is required to transfer the grant as the grant has been awarded on the condition of this specified as the delivery partner. Nottingham City council is transferring the grant to enable them to expand and deliver more of their existing provision.</p>
3	<p><u>Statutory duty staffing</u></p>	NCC Housing Aid	£11,853	This is an NCC post, requires permission to create and recruit to. Fixed term until 31/03/22 but being included within funding bid for RSI 2022/25.
4	<p><u>Personal budgets</u> £500 for 54 rough sleepers (or those at risk) funding to help prevent homelessness or move rapidly into accommodation</p>	N/A	£27,000	Flexible funding pot managed by Homelessness Strategy Manager and attached to Rough Sleeping Coordinator and Housing Aid Service Manager. Budget to be used for the one-off purchase of contact goods and services that are needed/wanted by the individual and will help them to retain/obtain housing options.

Intervention TOTAL		£181,232	
RSI underspend deduction		-£86,949	£27,315 + £59,634 Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) grant underspend available through planned interventions not being taken forward with Nottinghamshire YMCA. All RSI grant is ring-fenced for spend on rough sleeping and redistributed in agreement with DLUHC Advsiers.
Winter Pressure Grant TOTAL		£94,283	

Use of hotel's for Rough Sleepers

NCC's strategic system of services for rough sleepers seeks to avoid use of hotel provision as much as possible. However, the council is committed to protect rough sleepers from additional harm to health at certain times (i.e. during extreme cold weather or pandemic spikes) and capacity within the system is limited to extend to an additional immediate emergency response. Hotels remain the only accommodation solution that can be sourced at such short notice as the night it is needed.

The process for determining a provider is as follows:

- Every 7-14 days enquiries are made with all low-average cost city centre hotels to determine which providers are willing to accept placements of rough sleepers and what the costs are for spot purchase and block booking arrangements.
- NCC uses this quotation process to make a decision on booking the required number of bedspaces and nights when needed at the cheapest and most suitable option.
- Where possible a provider who is registered under the Click system will be utilised, however often such provision is unavailable or unwilling to accept rough sleeper placements, in which case an alternative provider will be selected to ensure that the council can meet its responsibilities

The majority of the time placements are made on a nightly basis and are of low value (i.e. less than £100 per night). However, during extended periods of cold weather or when guidance is received from the government relating to the Covid 19 pandemic, block booking arrangements are also sourced to ensure that immediate access shelter and safety is provided on an ongoing basis and for the continued new flow of rough sleepers, to minimise risk of harm to health or death.

Block bookings are also made to reduce the impact on placements of singles and families under a statutory duty. The rough sleeping cohort often have additional needs and risks that can lead to a provider withdrawing their willingness to work with the council. However, a stable supply of provision is currently required to meet the level of demand for temporary accommodation under a statutory duty and losing options from the market risks breach of those legislative requirements.

Block booking arrangements are also necessary as there is not the capacity within Nottingham City Council or commissioned services to respond to the demand on a daily basis and make multiple arrangements on consecutive nights for lengthy periods (which can be up to 12 weeks if the government requests this).

All placements of rough sleepers in hotels are authorised by the Nottingham City Council Rough Sleeping Coordinator and/or Housing Aid Service Manager.