

2024 to 2025 Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF): information to be reported by each local authority

2024 to 2025 spend return

Instructions/guidance

This spend return asks local authorities to confirm how they plan to spend the money from the 2024 to 2025 MSIF and that it will be used in line with the grant conditions. Further guidance on each question is as follows:

Question 1: No further guidance, allocation and contact details will auto-populate based off information provided in 2023 to 2024 section of this template.

Question 2: Confirmation required to meet that grant condition that all funding be spent on ASC.

Question 3: Confirmation required to meet the grant condition that the 'Fair Cost of Care' portion of funding will be used to maintain fee uplifts.

Question 4: State which target areas the local authority will focus on in 2024 to 2025, regardless of the level of funding used.

Question 5: Report specific amounts spent on each area in 2024 to 2025, reflecting the areas chosen in Question 4. The sum of cells B52 to B55 is shown in B56 and should equal the allocation in B27. Note that spending on the administrative costs of the fund should not exceed £5,000 in 2024 to 2025.

Question 6: An optional text response giving local authorities the opportunity to explain why they chose different target areas in 2024 to 2025 than 2023 to 2024, if applicable.

Local authorities are reminded that the 2024 to 2025 MSIF grant conditions also set a clear expectation that "the funding provided within this grant is provided on the condition that it is used as part of a substantial increase in planned adult social care spending" and that to monitor this, the department will compare the increase in the 2024 to 2025 Revenue Account (RA) budget for adult social care with the 2022 to 2023 budget, having assumed (unless the local authority shows otherwise) that the following will be allocated to adult social care:

- an appropriate share of the local authority's Social Care Grant allocation for 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025, in line with aggregate use of this funding in previous years;
- the local authority's share of the 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025 discharge fund;
- resources raised in 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025 from the adult social care precept;
- the local authority's allocation of the 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025 Market Sustainability and Improvement fund;
- we also expect local authorities to make use of the increase in income from unhypothecated sources. We expect spending on adult social care will increase by a necessary share of this income.

In the spend return table, please note that all cells must be completed to fulfill the data validation conditions. Entering £0 is acceptable but the total spend entered across all categories (auto-calculated in row 56) must equal the local authority's grant allocation. Local authorities must enter information into the blue cells, grey cells will be automatically populated given the information provided by the local authority.

(1) The following information on the local authority will be auto-populated given the information entered in the 2023 to 2024 section of this template.

Description	Data Item
Local authority name	thurrock
Total 2024 to 2025 MSIF allocation	£2,862,144.00
Of which continued Fair Cost of Care funding	£441,588.00
Name of individual completing this return	Hayley Bird
Email address	hbird@thurrock.gov.uk

(2) Please confirm that the 2024 to 2025 MSIF funding has been allocated in full to adult social care.

Description	Data Item
Please select response	Yes - the funding has been allocated in full to adult social care

(3) Please confirm that the Fair Cost of Care portion of the funding has been used to maintain fee uplifts originally made as part of the 2022 to 2023 Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund.

Description	Data Item
Please select response	Yes - the funding has been used to maintain fee uplifts

(4) Please confirm which of the target areas the local authority has decided to focus on in 2024 to 2025 (note that more than one target area can be chosen).

Description	Data Item
Increasing fee rates paid to ASC providers	Yes - we are seeking improvement in this area
Increasing workforce capacity and retention	Yes - we are seeking improvement in this area
Reducing waiting times	Yes - we are seeking improvement in this area

(5) Please confirm your planned spend on each of the target areas in 2024 to 2025 as part of the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund.

Description	Data Item
Total 2024 to 2025 MSIF spending on increasing fee rates*	£2,443,498.00
Total 2024 to 2025 MSIF spending on increasing workforce capacity and retention	£134,646.00
Total 2024 to 2025 MSIF spending on reducing waiting times	£284,000.00
Total 2024 to 2025 spending on administrative costs of fund	
Total planned spend in 2024 to 2025	£2,862,144.00

*Note that the figure entered for total MSIF spending on fee rates should include both the Fair Cost of Care portion of the fund and any additional fee rate spend made using MSIF money.

(6) (Optional) If you have chosen different target areas in 2024 to 2025 than 2023 to 2024, please use the text box below to explain your decision (Maximum 500 characters).