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Social Care Fees

The purpose of this bulletin is to outline the position in relation to inflationary increases for social care services. Details of arrangements for each service area are detailed below. These inflationary increases will be presented to Health & Adult Services Executive on 29 March 2019. Please read this information carefully so that you understand what this means for your service.

Care Homes and Care Homes with Nursing for Older People

An inflation formula was agreed in 2016/17, following consultation with the market, as a result of the independent care group representation and the outcome of the judicial review proceedings. The formula will be used to calculate inflation awards for the financial years to 2021. The formula is:

Inflation for 19/20, 20/21

*Residential 45% of increase in Living Wage expressed as a percentage
55% of actual CPI as at the previous 31 December.*

*Nursing 53% of increase in Living Wage expressed as a percentage
47% of actual CPI as at the previous 31 December.*

Workplace pensions additional 1% added in 17/18 and 18/19 to living wage.

Formal approval of the increase will take place in March 2019, however using this formula the following fees will apply from Monday 1 April 2019.

- All care homes in North Yorkshire **£556.78** per week
- All care homes with nursing in North Yorkshire **£550.41** per week (plus the appropriate level of Funded Nursing Care (FNC) which has been subject to a national review).
- For care homes and care homes with nursing for Older People in North Yorkshire where current fee levels have been agreed which are already above the new fee levels, these will be subject to an inflationary increase of 3.73% for care homes and 4.04% for care homes with nursing to contribute to general inflation and new costs such as pension enrolment. This will reflect that the current fee levels are already at a level that meet additional costs including living wage.

For out of county care home and nursing home placements for older people NYCC will honour an uplift agreed by the host local authority where they have undertaken an Actual Cost of Care exercise, and will consider individual business cases where there is no Actual Cost of Care exercise in place.

You will receive schedules in due course, from BACs teams, which will detail any amendments to payments.

Any comments you have about these Bulletins (good or bad!) are welcome. Please contact: Q&M, Room 234, Health & Adult Services, North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall Racecourse Lane Northallerton, DL7 8DD socialservices.contractingunit@northyorks.gov.uk
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Specialist Placements in Care Homes and Care Homes with Nursing

- All care homes in North Yorkshire **£556.78** per week
- All care homes with nursing in North Yorkshire **£550.41** per week (plus the appropriate level of Funded Nursing Care (FNC) which has been subject to a national review).
- For homes with specialist placements already paid above the fee levels for older people, within and outside North Yorkshire, an uplift of 3.73% for care homes and 4.04% for care homes with nursing, which will contribute to additional wage costs and other general inflation costs.

Annual inflationary increases for care home placements for 2019-2021, will be based on the formula above.

Domiciliary Care for adults and older people in North Yorkshire

An inflation formula was agreed in 2017/18, following consultation with the market. The formula will be used to calculate inflation awards for the financial years to 2021. The formula is:

Inflation for 19/20, 20/21

Domiciliary Care 63.1% of increase in Living Wage expressed as a percentage
 36.9% of actual CPI as at the previous 31 December.

- flat rate increase of **80p** per hour on current rates.
- For packages commissioned after Friday 5 April 2019 and where new rates have been set to apply after Friday 5 April 2019, no further increase will be applied, for example new applications to the provider list.
- Annual inflationary increases for domiciliary care for 2019-2021, taking into account increases in Living Wages and general inflation.
- The increase of 80p per hour will apply from Saturday 6 April 2019.

Where providers use the e-invoicing system, their e-invoicing spreadsheet will be amended with new rates. Revised Individual Service Contracts (ISCs) will be issued in due course. For providers who do not use e-invoicing revised ISCs will be issued as soon as possible so that you can invoice for services delivered after Friday 5 April 2019 at the correct rate. Providers should not amend the rates on their invoices until they have received amended ISCs.

Community Based Services for Adults and Older People

An inflation formula was agreed in 2017/18, following consultation with the market. The formula will be used to calculate inflation awards for the financial years to 2021. The formula is:

Community Based Services 45% of increase in Living Wage expressed as a percentage
 55% of actual CPI as at the previous 31 December.

- Community-based care providers for adults and older people in North Yorkshire: 3.73% increase on current rates.
- For individual support packages commissioned from the new Provider List, the new agreed rates set through that process will apply, where rates have been agreed after 5 April 2019.
- For services purchased via block contract arrangements there would be an increase of 3.73%, except where the contract terms dictate an alternative inflation mechanism.
- The Council proposes to pay annual inflationary increases for community-based care for 2019-2021 based on the increases to living wage rates and general inflation rates.

For the purposes of these increases, community based services are:

- Day care;
- Supported employment services;
- Supporting people services;
- Other non-regulated services.

Where providers use the e-invoicing system, their e-invoicing spreadsheet will be amended with new rates. Revised Individual Service Contracts (ISCs) will be issued in due course. For providers who do not use e-invoicing revised ISCs will be issued as soon as possible so that you can invoice for services delivered after 5 April 2019 at the correct rate. Providers should not amend the rates on their invoices until they have received amended ISCs.

CHC/S117 Packages/Placements

The CHC/S117 increases for 2019/20 have not yet been agreed. The above inflation rates will be applied to the CHC/S117 funding elements of packages/placements, without prejudice. Any relevant adjustments will be made, where required, when confirmation of increases has been received.

ICG has informed the Council that they will be asking for increases in the above rates due to the exceptional circumstances facing the sector with recruitment and meaningful pay rates to staff to make social care an attractive career option.

Details of payment dates for each service area will be circulated in a further Bulletin, in due course.