



**Domiciliary Care Providers
Supported Living and Supported Accommodation Providers
Care Home Providers, Supporting adults over 65 yrs
Care Home Providers, Supporting 18-65 yrs with
Learning Disabilities and Mental Health**

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Dear Provider Colleagues

Adult Social Care Fees 2023/2024

This letter sets out the fee uplift and our consideration around this for 2023/2024. Before I go into the detail, I do want to express our sincere thanks for working closely again with us over the past 12 months and for the support and care you give to the most vulnerable people in our Borough, it is truly appreciated especially given the pressures that yourselves, like the Council are under at present.

The Council's budget was confirmed at Full Council on the 2nd March 2023 and as part of this the Council considered the investments that could be afforded to Adult Social Care alongside other corporate priorities. The Council has included a total net investment of £7.2M to support the increase in demand and complexity of care needs over the next 12 months and as part of that has agreed to use the full 2% increase available through Council Tax uplift for the Adult Social Care precept, totalling £1.588M.

Forming part of a provider event back in January we shared that there was additional funding allocated to us from the Government for next year via the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund, which includes an element to address fee rates, this totalled £1.3M. However as a comparison this level of additional funding would only just cover as an example an increase of £1 on our domiciliary care standard fee rate and clearly wouldn't enable us to deal with the budget pressures associated within working towards the Fair Cost of Care costs or supporting inflationary and workforce costs pressures that you all face.

However, following our previous meeting we have been able to secure an amount of extra funding through the Social Care Grant which will enhance our funding available and we will use these funds alongside the information gathered as part of the fair cost of care to help us set this year's rates.

It is worth noting that in relation to fair cost of care each council has their own local challenges that impact on their market sufficiency and stability and in Telford & Wrekin, our fee rates reflect our own unique position.



From the 1st April 2023 the Council will provide:

- An 8.12% increase to its DPS provider domiciliary care current packages for anyone aged 18 yrs or over and increase the capped DPS rate for new packages from £18.12 to £19.60 per hour
- An 8.12% uplift to those providers providing Supported Living and Supported Accommodation Care costs (excluding core costs or sleep ins) through the Flexible Contracting Arrangement
- A 3% increase to care homes that we spot contract with for adults aged between 18-65yrs with learning disabilities and mental health.
- A 3% increase for care homes that we spot contract with for supporting adults over 65yrs where their current rates are below the Council's published Fair Cost of Care median rate (which has been uplifted by an additional 3%)

The Fair Cost of Care Median Rates for Care Settings are:

Care Type	FCOC Median rate (plus 3% for 23/24)
65+ Residential care homes per week	£798.25
65+ Residential care homes enhanced (people with high needs) per week	£942.45
65+ Nursing care homes per week	£944.51
65+ Nursing care homes (people with high needs) per week	£986.74

These uplift rates do not apply to contracts that defined as 'Block' contracts, or those that have a specified fee review date or, are related to hospital discharge, admission avoidance and enablement.

There is no overarching uplift to day services or sleep in's.

We have informed Shropshire Telford & Wrekin ICS of our fee uplift rates so that they can consider our position when reviewing their fee rates for our jointly funded packages of care.

I close with thanking you again for your commitment to continue to work with us and the people you care for during difficult and challenging times.

Yours sincerely



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