

# Officer Decisions

## Joint Associate Director of Commissioning - Tim Golby

### Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

The award of inflation with regard to fees for care homes

### Decision Taken

To award an inflationary increase to the banded fee rates for care homes and care homes with nursing, in line with the decision taken in 2015 to increase fees at a rate calculated each September, plus an additional 1.5% each year (2017/18 being the final of the three years). In 2017/2018 this will be an aggregate increase (across the four bands) of 2.1%, plus an additional 1.5%.  
To also award inflation to non-banded fees. For 2017/18 this will be 2.1%

### Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

### Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

To carry out a full re-run of the financial model as part of this consultation. This was rejected because the Council and its NHS partners are already reviewing their commissioning approach, which will be applied from 2018/19. To make an award greater than the offer. Rejected as the offer is fair and reasonable and provides for both inflationary pressures included in the model plus an additional 1.5% above inflation.  
To award no increase in fees from the 2016/17 levels. This was rejected as being unreasonable in light of increased costs being experienced by providers through increases in National Living Wage and National Minimum Wage and inflation

### Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation

None

Contact for enquiries/further information

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