

## **Officer Decisions**

## Joint Associate Director of Commissioning - Tim Golby

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

Each year the Council determines the inflation to be applied to contracts. This decision relates to all contracts other than Care Home fees. The latter is subject to a separate consultation process and, thus, a separate decision.

**Decision Taken** 

- 1. For regulated personal care an uplift of 3.828% to the Primary Providers for the Living Well at Home contract.
- 2. For regulated "spot market" personal care that is outside that contract an uplift of 3.0% but capped at a maximum of £16.84 (cap unchanged from last year)
- 3. For "legacy" unregulated care (enabling) an uplift of 3.0% up to a maximum of £16.84.
- 4. For unregulated care (enabling) which is subject to the new Supporting Independence contract- no increase.
- 5. For "legacy" day opportunities/group-based care an uplift of 2.5%.
- 6. For group-based care subject to the new Supporting Independence contract no increase.
- 7. For Shared Hours Agreements for Supported Living an uplift of 3.0% maximum of £16.34 (cap unchanged from last year)
- 8. Shared Lives- host family rates to increase by 3.0%; administration fee to remain unchanged.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

The LWAH increase is contractually defined and no alternative options would have been possible. For other contracts two considerations were made:

a) not to apply any inflationary uplift- this was felt to be unreasonable, especially in the context of increases to the NMW and NLW.
b) to inflate at the same rate as LWAH- it was determined that different business models and cost structures apply and for regulated providers the option exists to seek to transition to that contract and achieve a higher unit rate.

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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**Decision Date** 

20 February 2018

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