

Officer Decisions

Joint Associate Director of Commissioning - Tim Golby

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

The award of inflationary uplift for care home fees for older people for 2018/19

Decision Taken

Following engagement and formal consultation with the care homes market, the following decisions were taken:

1. To award an inflationary increase to the banded fee rates for care homes and care homes with nursing, ranging from 3.4% to 3.9%
2. To increase non-banded fees, which are negotiated individually, by 3.38%.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

1) 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 have reviewed their commissioning approach, the result of which was consulted upon at the same time as the inflation proposal and which is detailed in a separate record of delegated decision.

2) To make an award greater than the offer. Other than the increase in the staff hourly rate calculation, this option was rejected as the offer is fair and reasonable and provides for inflationary pressures included in the model.

3) To award no increase in fees from the 2017/18 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

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