

Individual Executive Decision Notice

Report title	Care and Support Provider Fee Review
Decision designation	GREEN
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Sandra Samuels - Adults Councillor Andrew Johnson - Resources
Wards affected	All wards
Accountable Director	David Watts, Director of Adults Services
Originating service	People Commissioning
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Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet (Resources) 20 March 2018 Panel

Summary

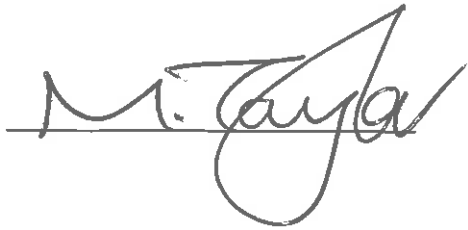
To confirm increased rates to be implemented to providers following consideration at Cabinet (Resources) Panel 20 March 2018.

Recommendation for decision:

That the Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Strategic Director People, Cabinet Member for Resources and Director of Finance confirm the actual hourly rates from 2 April 2018 for providers of domiciliary care, direct payments, residential and nursing placements, extra care supported living and residential provision for people under 65 years with complex needs.

Signature

Date:

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Date: 4 April 2013

1.0 Background

1.1 Cabinet (Resources) Panel (CRP) on 20 March 2018 approved increases to the rates paid to providers for the delivery of care and support services to allow for the increase to the national living wage from April 2018.

1.2 Due to a technical issue with our payments system hourly rates must be divisible by 4 and weekly rates by 7. This creates an option to round up or down. As rounding down does not match the calculated cost of the increase to the national living wage to both employer and employee it is proposed that the rates are rounded up as this most closely matches the decision taken at Cabinet (Resources) Panel (CRP) on 20 March 2018.

2.0 Fee rates as from 2 April 2018

2.1 There is no impact, because of the rounding issue, on the following services:

- extra care
- supported living
- residential provision for people under 65 years with complex needs
- home-based respite

2.2 Rounding up the rates does change the fees to be paid for the following services:

- residential and nursing care
- direct payments
- domiciliary care

Residential and nursing payments

2.3 The changes to residential and nursing payments, as a result of rounding up, are summarised below.

Category	Proposed weekly rate £	Revised weekly rate £
Residential	412.58	412.65
Residential with dementia	462.98	463.05
Nursing	412.58	412.58
Nursing with dementia	462.98	463.05

Direct payments - domiciliary care

- 2.4 The proposed rate approved in the CRP report was £13.68. The revised rate for approval is £13.72.

Direct payments - personal assistant

- 2.5 The proposed rate approved by CRP report was £10.72. The revised rate for approval is £10.76.

Domiciliary care

- 2.6 The proposed rate approved in the CRP report was £14.48 The revised rate for approval is £14.52.

3 Financial implications

- 3.1 The costs identified above are funded from Adults Services care purchasing which has a net controllable budget of £41.9 million in 2018-2019.
- 3.2 The Medium Term Financial Strategy includes growth of £1.1 million to support the increase in costs associated with the NLW across all care support plans.
- 3.3 The cost implications of rounding up is an additional £34,000, taking to total estimated increase in costs to £1.3 million. These costs will need to be contained within the total care purchasing budgets for Adults Services.
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4. Equalities implications

- 4.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

5. Environmental implications

- 5.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

6. Human resources implications

- 6.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

7. Corporate Landlord implications

- 7.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from this report.