

Please find the following request for information under the Freedom of Information Act:

The format below has been drafted to ensure all authorities can provide a response in respect of their care home fees for older person care.

Q1: Please complete the following table for Residential and Nursing Care Home Fees for people over the age of 65:

Notes:

- All fees should exclude FNC and Top-Up payments but include any other resident contributions which make up the Local Authority fee.
- Minimum fee is the lowest base, starting rate or lowest rate paid for each care type.
- Maximum fee is the highest fee or cap to any fee or rate paid for each care type.
- Average fee is the average weekly fee paid during the month of April 2022 for each care type.
- Number of placements is the number of residents who make up the average fee by care type.
- Where different care types are used, such as care bandings, tier rates, or other fee structures, the minimum, maximum and average fee should be provided for the alternative care type used – see Q3 below.

Care Type	Minimum or base weekly 2022/23 Fee	Maximum weekly 2022/23 fee (if fees form part of a range)	Date fee was last uplifted*	Average weekly fee paid for all residents during April 2022	Number of placements the Average fee relates to
Nursing	£604.52	£835.03	01/04/2022	£835.67	570
Nursing with Dementia					
Residential (without Nursing)	£558.88	£685.72	01/04/2022	£662.68	2,575
Residential (without Nursing) with Dementia					

*If Fees have not yet been uplifted for 2022/23, please state the planned or estimated date of the 2022/23 annual fee uplift.

Q2: Please provide a copy of your 2022/23 fee uplift letter sent to providers outlining your approach to inflation, the decision regarding the uplift, and what the rates and/or percentage uplifts are. Where you have not yet offered a fee uplift for 2022/23, please state when this will be communicated, and who we can contact at that time to request a copy of the uplift letter/correspondence. If you were an authority which brought forward your uplift for 2022/23, please indicate this and provide the letter explaining the approach to providers.

Response: The Council does not send letters to providers, the uplift is published on the provider information hub please see link [Rate Uplifts | Provider Hub | Essex \(essexproviderhub.org\)](#)

Q3: Where you operate banded/tier rates or have multiple, or a range of rates for each care type, please indicate as such and provide the rate bandings or ranges and a link or explanation to how these are applied. Where possible this should follow the format in Q1 for Minimum, Maximum, Average and the number of placements

Response: The Council does not operate banded / tier rates for each care type. The Council does have an exceptional care rate of £80.01 which is paid on top of the rates where an Adult has more complex needs.

Q4: Please outline your approach to care homes paying the National Living Wage, Real Living Wage or any other local variations or premiums associated to Care home staff pay and how this impacts the care provider in respect of the rates paid should they adopt different pay structures directed by the Council and if they choose not to do so.

Response: The Council has an expectation that all care homes are compliant with paying the National Living Wage.

Q5: To avoid further FOI's, please provide a link to your website we can share with members where information relating to care home fees are published.

Response: The Council does not currently publish rates on-line.