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## **OUR REF: EXTERNALLY COMMISSIONED RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING CARE RATES FOR 2022/23**

Dear Provider

In advising of the uplift decision for 2022/23 we feel it is important to acknowledge the current social care market pressures.

We appreciate that costs associated with delivering care continue to rise year on year. Many providers have voiced this to the council via calls, emails, letters and through our Market surveys in 2020 and 2022. Most notable of the pressures are the impact of the National Minimum Wage, the Covid Pandemic, Brexit impact; combined with general inflation and continuing rising costs for energy and workforce pressures. These create significant challenges for the social care market and for the council in supporting the market.

Throughout the last 2 years and up to the end of March 2022 the council has facilitated the administration and passporting of Infection Control and Workforce Grants to support the market, alongside reactive support to the Dudley social care market with regard to Covid outbreaks, staffing and general care pressures.

In determining the uplift for 2022/2023 the council has taken the above factors into consideration. The uplift is determined by the council based on a number of factors outlined in this letter.

Adult Social Care has been recognised corporately within Dudley MBC as a priority area for investment with an additional £2m investment into commissioned services being agreed by Full Council in March.

### **RESIDENTIAL CARE & NURSING CARE RATES FOR 2022-2023**

The older adult nursing and residential care home base rate will have the below percentage increase applied from 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Please note any negotiated costs and top ups are not included in this increase.



Financial Year	% increase	Standard Weekly Fee from <b>4/04/2022-02/04/2023</b>
2022/23	3.5%	£471.80
Mental health Premium		Standard Weekly Fee from <b>4/04/2022-02/04/2023</b>
2022/23	3.5%	£41.02

***The Council no longer manages any payment in connection with the FNC contribution. Communication on FNC fees will be advised by the CCG directly to providers.***

## **Respite**

As per the current residential and nursing contract, respite will continue to be funded at the respective standard minimum rate plus an additional 5%.

Dudley MBC remain committed to working with providers to look at options that will enable the most effective and efficient delivery to sustain providers and deliver quality care to Dudley Citizens.

The Dudley Market stocktake 2022 survey issued in early February has provided useful cost of care market information that has been considered, this information will continue to influence decisions and how we can best support social care providers. Further work on the cost of care will take place in 2022/23 as part of the National Programme in the Adult Social Care Reform White Paper.

Hopefully you will be aware that we are currently working on pilots that will support the Dudley Residential and Nursing homes exploring banded care options with set banded rates that reflect complexity and quality. It is planned that this would be rolled out to the wider market through a formal framework in the next 12 -18 months further aiding sustainability and care quality.

If you would like to hear more about this, please contact  
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Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the citizens of Dudley and in particular you and your staff on the ground who have been supporting our most vulnerable people in the community.

Yours Sincerely



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