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**Re: Dudley Annual Uplift 2021/2022 Residential and Nursing care**

The council undertook market analysis earlier in the financial year in relation to the added costs that have arisen due to the Covid pandemic. The costs analysis shows that Covid impact has been significant and in addition to the pre-Covid pressures in relation to national minimum wage pensions and general inflation.

Some of the Covid cost has been offset by:

- The Infection Control Grants
- The workforce capacity grant
- Covid related supply of free PPE for CQC regulated services
- Rapid Test Fund

There is widespread recognition of the brilliant response all providers have given to the unprecedented demand and challenges experienced over the past 12 months and those we continue to face.

The above context has been given serious consideration in relation to the uplift against the Council's budgetary decisions and the ongoing pressures within Domiciliary care specifically. Council uplifts are established on available budget whilst considering market pressures but must work within the available budget.

**The annual uplift level for all residential and nursing care for 2021/2022 is 3% against the base rate.**

The standard base fee for adults residential and nursing care will now be as detailed in the table below.

Residential or Nursing (Excluding FNC)	£455.82
Mental Health Premium (MHP)	£39.63
Residential or Nursing (Excluding FNC) + MHP	£495.45
Residential or Nursing (Excluding FNC) Respite	£478.61

**It is important to note that when invoicing for the 4 period commencing the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021, you will need to invoice for the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the 2020/2021 rate and from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to the 4<sup>th</sup> April at the 2021/2022 rate and from the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 continue to invoice with the new rate.**



We appreciate that a large proportion of residential and nursing care homes have been impacted severely during the pandemic and we will be working with care and nursing homes on opportunities to support and shape the market for longer term sustainability.

The work programmes will address issues such as 3<sup>rd</sup> Party top ups, care and support expectations, accommodation specifications and respite / short term care.

The intention is the programmes will lead into market preparedness work as we move to new framework options that strengthen quality, outcomes and enable a more sustainable model for care home and nursing home providers.

We will run sessions later in the summer for homes on the work programme which will be separated so there will be a focused programme in relation to older adults and a separate programme for care and nursing homes supporting people with learning disabilities, autism and / or mental health.

If you have specific issues in relation to ongoing sustainability, we ask that you make contact as below and we will get back to you to discuss the specific issues and address any support options there may be.

Any queries in relation to older adults residential and nursing care should be addressed to [REDACTED] and any queries in relation to care homes for people with disabilities should be directed to either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for everything you have done supporting Dudley citizens through the pandemic.

Yours

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