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Dear Richard Ayres,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Information Request 26742**

I acknowledge your request for information received on 17/09/2021. Our response is as follows.

**Your Request and Our Response**

Your questions are provided in black type and our response is detail in-line in blue type.

**Please find below questions relating to Residential and Nursing Care Home Fees for people over the age of 65:**

**1. What is your 2021/22 Weekly Nursing Fee Rate (Excluding FNC)**

The Elderly Nursing Care rate is £455.82

**2. What is your 2021/22 Weekly Nursing Dementia Fee Rate (Excluding FNC)**

The Elderly Dementia Nursing Care rate is £455.82

**3. What is your 2021/22 Weekly Residential Fee Rate**

The Elderly Residential Care rate is £455.82

**4. What is your 2021/22 Weekly Residential Dementia Fee Rate**

The Elderly Dementia Residential Care rate is £455.82, exclusive of FNC.

The Council pays £39.63 MHP mental health premium.

**Where you operate a base, lowest or starting rate please indicate aside each rate provided for clarity.**

**Where you do not use a base, lowest or starting rate, please provide an average rate for each care type and indicate aside each rate for clarity.**

**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.**

**5. Please state the annual uplift applied to the above rates in 2020/21. If no set percentage was applied, please provide the average percentage applied to each care type.**

2%

**6. Please provide a link to your website where these rates are published. If the rates are not published, please provide a link to any decision papers outlining how any uplift decisions were determined for the periods 2021/22**

The rates are not published on the Council's website, for further information please see below.

**7. Please provide a copy of the letter or communication sent to providers explaining the uplift for 2021/22**

Please see the attached copy of letter (Residential Nursing Uplift Letter 09/03/21).

Personal information has been redacted from the documents, this is because the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under provisions of the Act.

For your information this letter constitutes a partial **Refusal Notice** under Section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3)(A)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act i.e. it is personal information of a living individual, where the disclosure would be in breach of the first principle of the General Data Protection Regulation Article 5,1(a).

**8. Where your authority sets rates on an individual needs basis or negotiates inflation annually with providers on an ad-hoc basis, please provide a link to, or information pertaining to the approach, and what financial allocations are provisioned for such purposes.**

During the course of the Pandemic and lockdowns a stocktake was undertaken with the market and included information gathered around financial impact, in addition to MS Teams sessions .

The decision for the uplift rate was made with regards to available budget, whilst being informed by market pressures from intelligence gathered from providers stocktake data and MS Teams market engagement sessions.

**9. To avoid further FOI requests for this information, please provide a link to the location where any of this information is published or will be published in the future.**

N/A – this information is not published.

If this does not answer your question, then you may submit a further request; it would be helpful if you could refine your request so that we can advise what may be provided under the Freedom of Information Act and any cost implications.

If you do have difficulty in accessing the information please contact Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345 who will be able to assist you.

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