



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – CRN2109791781**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Your request for information, with reference number CRN2109791781 has now been considered and the information requested is given below.

***Information Request:***

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

*This request is similar to former requests to those who have not responded previously, or responded they were unable to provide the required information. The questions below have been redrafted to ensure all authorities can provide a response in respect of their care home fees. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS REQUEST*

**Freedom of Information (FOI) Request**

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

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.

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

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

8. Where your authority sets rates on an individual needs basis or negotiates inflation annually with provides 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.

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.

### **Our Response:**

#### [Request and Response](#)

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

*Peterborough City Council, (PCC), do not have set rates for bed-based care, and placement costs are negotiated by the Brokerage Team at point of placement. Similarly, PCC do not operate a base rate.*

*The average rate for each care type is as follows:*

- 1. £703.28*
- 2. £693.23*
- 3. £647.75*
- 4. £642.25*

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*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.*

*There are no contractual uplifts for care home placements in Peterborough in 2020/21.*

*Where a Provider requests an uplift, this is considered on a case-by-case basis. The average uplift granted across all care types was 18.7% however*

basis. The average uplift granted across all care types was 10.7 % - however, please be aware that we uplifted relatively few placements, and this average is skewed by the uplifts provided to some historically very low funded packages. For example, one package was uplifted from £455 to £575, which is an increase of 26%. The % increase was very high, but the resulting cost still in line with market rates.

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

*\*Please see below*

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

*Where a Provider requests an uplift, this is considered on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, these letters are bespoke to each individual, and are therefore commercially sensitive. \*Please see below*

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.

*The Council's budget and subsequent approach to uplifts varies from year to year and is set jointly by the Council's finance and commissioning teams. However, the basic process remains the same: providers who submit a request for an inflationary uplift are invited to complete a Budgetary Analysis Form (BAF), detailing their operational costs and social care income. This information, along with an overview of their commissioned package costs, is used to determine the provider's need and eligibility for an inflationary uplift – in the context of the budget and approach agreed for that particular year.*

*PCC hold a budget to support Market Sustainability figures which includes £1.325m for uplifts amongst others areas for 21/22 for the whole of Adult Social Care.*

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.

*This information is not currently published*

*\*Section 43 exemption*

*The exemption we are applying is section 43 commercial interests, as permitted by the Act. Uplifts are agreed exclusively between the council and the Provider. Disclosure of this commercially sensitive information would harm the ability to negotiate any future agreements and potentially adversely affect their competitive position.*

*The public interest test has been applied and in all the circumstances of the case the council considers that the public interest in maintaining the exemption is greater than the public interest in disclosure. The council acknowledges that*

*is greater than the public interest in disclosure. The Council acknowledges that there will always be a general public interest in promoting transparency and public understanding about the decisions of the authority, however in this case it is believed that the public interest is greater served by preserving our ability to participate competitively in the market.*

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If you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Information Manager, Peterborough City Council, Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY; Telephone: 01733 452533, e-mail: [foi@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:foi@peterborough.gov.uk)

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