

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	614.43	624.43	4/4/22	616.88	379
Nursing with Dementia	726.25	736.25	4/4/22	729.14	294
Residential (without Nursing)	535.30	618.94	4/4/22	584.49	1222
Residential (without Nursing) with Dementia	654.60	664.60	4/4/22	656.53	1201

*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.

4 April 2022: <https://council.lancashire.gov.uk/documents/s190447/Report.pdf> Decision to continue with rate uplift.



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Early Rate uplift comms sent out:

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.

	RESIDENTIAL	NURSING
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STD	£535.30	£614.43
Higher	£608.94	
Dementia	£654.60	£726.25

Base fee payable. CQC minimum standard for new build Compliant rooms current receive a £10 premium.

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.

Providers are free to set their own pay rates within their particular financial envelope. Fees support 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.

<https://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx?DS=0&bcr=1>

Workforce Grant Round 2 usage and price / fee uplifts

Dear Provider

The Council has been very mindful of the financial pressures facing the social care sector in Lancashire and along with others we have continued to provide evidence to Government – typically based on what local providers have told us – to ensure they offer further urgent funding for the winter

In the last fortnight we have been pleased to see the announcement of a further Workforce Grant (Round 2), and the subsequent published details

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/workforce-recruitment-and-retention-fund-for-adult-social-care-round-2>

Government made it clear in its announcement of the Workforce Grant Round 2 that its intention is for it be used to support the pay and conditions of social care workers, by bringing forward any planned council contract price uplifts that might not have occurred until April 2022. I hope you will be pleased to hear that the Council has adopted that advice and a range of uplifts for services delivered in Lancashire are set out below which will take effect imminently, using this Grant in the period until 31 March 2022.

We anticipate making a recommendation to Elected Members for these uplifts to continue for the full year 2022/23. However, the decision to approve such a recommendation cannot occur until Full Council meets in February 2022 and until that point they will remain recommendations

EFFECTIVE DATE 6 DECEMBER 2021:

Homecare

Framework – flat rate £1.33 increase across all services and CPLI's

ALL SERVICES BELOW - EFFECTIVE DATE 3 JANUARY 2022:

Homecare

Non-Framework – 4.1% across all services and CPLI's

Supported Living

Day Rates – Current Rate is £16.64 Increasing to £17.65

Sleep – Current is £63.48 increasing to £67.33

Day Care

All services – 5.77% uplift.

CRISIS & Reablement - 5.94%

Carers Direct Payments

Increase on both rates of 6.62%

Direct Payments – 4.1%

Night Support Services (Roving nights etc) – 5.94%

Rolling Respite Services – in line with headline service (as previous years)

Shared Lives – 6.62% increase

RES / NURSING (Rate to Rate)

	2021/22	2022/23	Increase
RESIDENTIAL STANDARD	£507.49	£535.30	5.48%
RESIDENTIAL HIGHER	£576.27	£608.94	5.67%
RESIDENTIAL DEMENTIA	£619.18	£654.60	5.72%
NURSING	£582.07	£614.43	5.56%
NURSING DEMENTIA	£687.54	£726.25	5.63%

Discharge to Assess: Community Based – 5.94%

Discharge to Assess: Residential Based – 5.66%

Discharge to Assess: Nursing Based – 5.59%

PRESCRIPTIONS – RETAIL EQUIPMENT

4.1%

DUE TO EXISTING CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS NO AUTOMATIC UPLIFTS WILL BE APPLIED TO:

Extracare

Telecare

Top ups

If you have any queries about this please your first point of contact should be via the email address contractmgmt.care@lancashire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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