

Tel: 020 8541 1234  
Email: asc.covid19@surreycc.gov.uk



Surrey County Council Adult  
Social Care Fairmount House  
Bull Hill Leatherhead  
Surrey  
KT22 7AH

Richard Ayres  
Care England  
40 Artillery Lane  
London E1 7LS

8 March 2022

Dear Richard

**RE: 2022/23 Care Home Fees / your letter dated 21 Feb 2022**

Thank you for your letter dated 21 February regarding Care Home Fees in Surrey for 2022/23.

We like all care provider representative bodies recognise this is a very busy time for the sector as we work through what 'living with Covid' means for ongoing operational practice alongside the far-reaching reforms to Adult Social Care that are now being worked through on the back of the government's recent white paper.

As you will be aware Surrey has actively engaged with the LGA/CHIP and DHSC sessions convened with local authorities and sector representatives to shape and inform the approach to how the Adult Social Care reforms are approach. Ensuing consistency in approach has been a key theme from these discussions and we intend to make use of the templates and approaches that emerge from this work where it is appropriate, and we are confident that they will deliver what we need at a local level.

In response to your more specific questions, I can confirm that fee uplifts for social care providers were communicated to all operators that SCC commissions care from on 25 February. This letter confirmed that a 5% uplift would be applied to our residential and nursing guide rates for 2022/23 and is based on initial Cabinet consideration of the council's budget in November 2021 and and following confirmation of the local government settlement and Full Council's consideration and sign off of the final budget in February 2022 including a decision on the social care precept details of which can be found via this link [Agenda for Council on Tuesday, 8 February 2022, 10.00 am - SCC Info \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

We have not only worked closely with Surrey Care Association, our local membership organisation for all types of care provider, but also directly with the sector on our approach to residential and nursing care. This has ensured that both SCA members and any other provider has had the

opportunity to engage with us and shape our approach. This is underlined by the 60% response rate we received to a focused survey of the sector designed to gather key information on the nature of services across Surrey's diverse market, which includes an extensive offer that is largely or exclusively focused on Surrey residents who fund their own care. This work and our co-production with the sector have directly informed our approach to the residential and nursing home market in Surrey and the introduction of a more structured and consistent approach for both providers and commissioners which will go live at the beginning of July.

Surrey remains committed to working in partnership with the whole of the care market which has benefited from a combined package of financial support over the past 18 months of around £80 million. A continued collaborative approach will be vital as we work through the implementation of the Government's proposals for Social Care. We look forward to continuing to work closely with Surrey Care Association, providers, and other key stakeholders on this and I would be more than happy to make time to have a conversation with you on the reforms and the Fair Cost of Care exercise that all authorities are required to undertake.

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Lillistone

Assistant Director Commissioning – Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care