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Dear Colleague,

RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING FEES 2021/22

I write to inform you of the updated schedule of fees the County Council will be paying for these categories of care as of the 17th April 2021

The fees have been set following a review of the impact of cost pressures within the sector in consultation with the Gloucestershire Care Providers' Association (GCPA). The new rates are based on an average increase (excluding nursing care contribution as below) of 3.67%

The uplift has been agreed taking into account the following factors:

- National Health & Social Care Indices
- National Living Wage
- Pension Contributions

This offer does not remove the 0.5% additional amount included in last year's uplift to support variable costs pressures which were difficult to predict. In addition, we have included the 0.03% from the January 2021 estimate, as a one off, due to the confusion caused by the early calculation being considered as a final offer. The formally agreed dates will be used next year to start the process for 2022/23. GCPA asked for additional increase to account for the significant increases in insurance costs, we believe that the 0.5% that has remained in the offer for this year, as a one off, considers this additional cost pressure.

We have also received notifications from the Department of Health & Social Care, (DHSC) for 2021-22 FNC contribution. I have laid out the information on these revised rates below.

Categories that Include a Nursing Care Contribution

The standard weekly rate per person for 2021 to 2022 will increase and be backdated to 1st April 2021.

- The current standard rate of £183.92 will increase by 2% to £187.60
- The higher rate of NHS-funded nursing care will also increase by 2% from the current rate of £253.02 to £258.08 per week for 2021 to 2022. This is only relevant for people who were already on the higher rate in 2007 when the single band was introduced.

We will make the necessary adjustments to the relevant categories shortly and if applicable, back date in line with the above guidance.

Should you have any queries concerning this letter please do not hesitate to contact the Brokerage Team on the details outlined above

We acknowledge that this year has been a very difficult year on so many levels and would like to take this opportunity to thank all care providers in Gloucestershire for continuing to provide valuable support to vulnerable individuals in what have been exceptionally challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Forey

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Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning
Group**