

Oxfordshire County Council County Hall New Road Oxford OX1 1ND

Adult Social Care providers of Nursing Care

Karen Fuller Interim Corporate Director of Adults and Housing Services

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Dear Provider,

Re: Fee Uplift for Nursing Care 2023/24 – from 1 April 2023

We wrote to you on 2 March 2023 about our fees for the forthcoming financial year. We informed you that we would be increasing our rates by 9% and that we were awaiting the new Funded Nursing Care (FNC) rate to be announced after which an appropriate adjustment may need to be made to account for any difference.

Following the <u>announcement</u> that Funded Nursing Care will increase by 5% to £219.71/week from 1st April 2023 we have adjusted the ceiling rate for nursing care homes. We will automatically increase OCC funded cost elements by 9% up to the revised ceiling threshold rate below and apply a 5% increase to the FNC contribution. This means that as a minimum every Nursing care placement will receive an uplift in FNC even if they are above the ceiling threshold.

Services	Ceiling Threshold	
	2022/23	2023/24 Revision
Nursing Care Homes (Gross weekly rate)	£1,200.00	£1355

The uplift will not be applied to packages of care which are wholly funded by Health. The Integrated Care Board are considering their uplift for 2023/24, which will be applied in due course.

Review Process

If your service isn't covered by this automatic uplift and you would like us to carry out a review of your individual circumstances, please:

- 1. Submit a request to <u>CareContractsPriceReview@oxfordshire.gov.uk</u> together with the <u>cost analysis tool</u>.
- **2.** The panel will look at:
 - The care needs of the individual people
 - Unit costs
 - The host authority offer (if applicable)
- **3.** You will be informed of the outcome from the panel. Any system changes required to allow payment will be made by the council.

Where you have completed a cost analysis tool which we have used to review fees for 2022/23 we will not ask you to repeat this in 2023/24 unless there are significant changes to your costs making it necessary.

More information on the Fee Uplift, Consultation and Fee Review process can be found on the web site: <u>Fees and reviews | Oxfordshire County Council</u>

Yours sincerely,

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