

Market Update – Uplift Implementation 2022-2023

Dear Providers

In April 2022, the Council implemented the promised 1.5% rates uplifts for all Adult Social Care market providers for 2022/23 in line with our stated three year strategic approach. At the time, the Council advised that it had received an allocation of £966,000 for 2022/23 for participating in the national Fair Cost of Care exercise, which it agreed to use in full to uplift rates across the 'home care' markets as a priority. This equates to a further 2.3% increase in rates for 2022/23 from April 2022; meaning a total annual uplift for those sectors of 3.8% net.

Providers will have seen the uplift in their rates of 1.5% from 1 April 2022, with the exception of the Day Opportunities market. The Council can now confirm that from 17 October onwards, all prospective rates will reflect this additional uplift, including Day Opportunities.

The Council is currently working through plans to backdate these uplifts to April 2022, and will be in contact as soon as possible to advise how and when these will be processed. These will include the 1.5% backdate for Day Opportunities to April 2022, as well as the 2021/22 1% uplift that was awarded to Day Opportunities, but not implemented at the time.

The following table details the effective start dates of the uplifted payments from 17 October 2022:

Uplift first payments will be paid within below scheduled period date		
CM Dom Care - Bi-Weekly Payments		
Care Period From Date	Care Period End Date	BACS Date
17/10/2022	30/10/2022	11/11/2022
Direct Payments		
Care Period From Date	Care Period End Date	BACS Date
17/10/2022	13/11/2022	08/11/2022
ICS Dom Care Reablement - 4 Weekly Payments		
Care Period From Date	Care Period End Date	BACS Date
26/09/2022	23/10/2022	22/11/2022
Supported Living - 4 Weekly Payments		
Care Period From Date	Care Period End Date	BACS Date
26/09/2022	23/10/2022	22/11/2022

This update sets out the new details of the agreed increases for 2022/23 for the Home Care sector.

Community Based Services (CBS) Framework – Older People, Complex, Mental Health Functional and Mental Health Dementia

The Council is increasing the minimum hourly rate from £15.80 to £16.16 per hour.

If you currently receive more than £16.16 per hour, then this will not change and no uplift will be applied.

The 2022/2023 Minimum Domiciliary Care rate is:

Banding	2021/22	2022/23 old	2022/23 new
15 minutes (paid as 20)	£5.19	£5.27	£5.39
30 minutes	£7.79	£7.91	£8.08
45 minutes	£11.68	£11.86	£12.12
60 minutes	£15.57	£15.80	£16.16

Reablement and Rapid Response

The Council is increasing the minimum hourly rate from £15.80 to £16.16 per hour.

If you currently receive more than £16.16 then this will not change and no uplift will be applied.

Supported Living

Provision of Supported Living for Complex Needs Framework (Lots 1 – 7) in the borough of Walsall:

For all framework contracts Rate Card rates for 2022/2023 to be uplifted by a further 2.3%.

Spot purchase contracts for the provision of Supported Living for Complex Needs:

Spot purchase contracts for 2022/2023 to be uplifted by a further 2.3%.

Direct Payments

For the Domiciliary Care element of a direct payment, the Council is increasing the hourly rate to £16.16 in line with community based services framework:

If you currently receive more than £16.16 then this will not change and no uplift will be applied.

For the Supported Living element of a Direct Payment, a further 2.3% uplift will apply in line with Supported Living Framework and contracted Supported Living provision.

For the Personal Assistant element of a Direct Payment, the rate will increase from £11.04 to £11.29 for 2022/2023.

For the Day Opportunities element of a Direct Payment: the rate will increase by a combined 2.5% for 2022/23 (1.5% for 2022/23 and the 1% for 2021/22). Arrangements will also be made for assessing and paying the value of the 1% not paid during 2021/22.

A reminder to framework providers

The Council recognise that some providers felt this year's uplift did not adequately reflect the cost pressures that they were facing. However, most have accepted that and are in some cases engaging with our Fair Cost of Care exercise to help the Council establish rates that reflect the government's intentions as outlined in their Social Care Reform White Paper.

It has been brought to the Councils attention that some providers have unfortunately decided to request additional 'top up' payments from Direct Payment Recipients in order to 'compensate;' for the uplift provided by the Council.

The Council would remind framework providers that they are beholden to honour the same rates as those being provided to the Council, to Direct Payment recipients, and we would ask that such requests are therefore not made to individuals.