

FOI reference number – 26625

Date response submitted – 1 May 2026

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

1. Please provide a copy of your 2026/27 fee uplift letter that was sent to care providers for the following service types. If you have not yet reported your fee uplift, please outline the Council's timeline for publication, including any internal dates where decisions related to the offer will be made.

- Nursing (Excl. FNC)
- Nursing with Dementia (Excl. FNC)
- Residential (without nursing)
- Residential (without nursing) with Dementia
- Home care
- Day services

All letters attached, including the published Fee table which highlights the specific question relating to Resident and Nursing provision (See Appendices 1 – 4)

2. Please confirm the date when the local authority agreed or made the decision to proceed with the fee uplift for care providers for the 2026/27 financial year, and who made the decision (for example, was the decision made by the full council, cabinet, cabinet member, officer under delegated authority, or the policy committee in a committee executive arrangement)

The final decision was from full council on 10 March 2026.

3. Please confirm the date this decision on the fee uplift for the 2026/27 financial year was officially communicated to providers

Providers were notified of the proposed fee uplifts on 24 February 2026, subject to approval by full Council. Following the Council meeting, providers received formal confirmation of the approved uplifts on 12 March 2026 in the Provider Bulletin and individually thereafter via the letters attached.

4. Please provide your 2026 to 2027 weekly base* fee rates for the following care types:

Nursing (Excl. FNC) – base rate £844.34, enhanced rate £893.06

Nursing with Dementia (Excl. FNC) – N/A we do not have a dementia rate

Residential (without nursing) – base rate £793.45, enhanced rate £841.33

Residential (without nursing) with Dementia – N/A we do not have a dementia rate

5. Please provide your average weekly fee rate (being the average weekly fee paid during the period 1 April 2025 to March 31 2026) for the following care types:

Nursing - £922.91

Residential - £883.03

6. Please provide your provisional average weekly fee rate (calculated consistently with the rate in the question above) for the period 2026-2027 for the following care types:

Nursing - £927.77

Residential - £907.69

7. Please confirm if your authority requires or provisions for care providers to pay care staff a rate higher than the National Living Wage, and when this policy was implemented

The fee uplift is based on the NMW.

8. For the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, please provide the number of individual residents, where their contracts for the provision of Older Person Services for both residential care and nursing care were either terminated by the care provider, handed back by the care provider, or were renegotiated due to the threat or notice of termination/handing back was made by the care provider. You should provide the number of residents this applies to and the number of care providers.

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