

Report

Report to: **Social Work Resources Committee**
Date of Meeting: **9 February 2022**
Report by: **Director, Health and Social Care**

Subject: **Social Care Services for 2021/2022: Winter Uplift**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ update Committee with the 2021/2022 rates for Social Care commissioned services following the winter uplift

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s): -

- (1) that the revised rates and associated arrangements to residential and nursing care rates, as detailed in Section 4. of the report, be noted;
- (2) that the revised rates and associated arrangements for non-residential services, as detailed in Section 5. of the report, be noted; and
- (3) that the arrangements for residential rates, as detailed in Section 6. of the report, be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Each year, Social Work Resources require to confirm the contractual rates for residential, nursing, supported living, non-residential and Care at Home Services.
- 3.2. In recognition of the need to implement contractual uplifts in 2021/2022 without delay to providers, Social Work Resources Committee of 17 March 2021 agreed delegated authority for the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) and Director, Health and Social Care to approve the following rates:
- ◆ Care at Home, Supported Living, Day Care, and Integrated Care Facilities
 - ◆ Residential and Nursing Care through National Care Home Contract
 - ◆ Residential services out with National Care Home Contract
- 3.3. The initial rates set from April 2021, reflecting the Scottish Government's standard uplift of 2.2%, were noted by Committee in September 2021.
- 3.4. In November 2021, the Scottish Government announced a Winter Uplift to living wage for those delivering adult social care services from £9.50 to £10.02 per hour, effective from 1 December 2021.

- 3.5. To ensure effective delivery of contract variations for commissioned services, the Scottish Government specified the following standard contractual uplift rates to be implemented by local authorities:
- ◆ Non-residential Services: 4.7%
 - ◆ Residential Services (out with Care Homes): 3.9%
 - ◆ SDS Option 1 (Direct Payments): 4.9%

- 3.6. Scotland Excel are commissioned by the Scottish Government to calculate the National Care Home rates for residential and nursing care, in consultation with Scottish Care and the Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland (CCPS).

4. Residential and Nursing Care Rates

- 4.1. Scotland Excel has confirmed a revised nursing rate of £789.61 per week, an increase of £25.93 (3.4%) to the previous 2021/2022 rate of £763.68. Residential rates will be set at £681.34 per week, an increase of £27.55 (4.21%) to the previous 2021/2022 rate of £653.79.

5. Care at Home, Supported Living and Day Care Rates

- 5.1. An uplift rate of 4.7% for Non-residential Services has been set by the Scottish Government.
- 5.2. The rate paid by the Council for Care at Home, Supported Living and Day Care will increase from £17.46 per hour to £18.28 (increase of £0.82, 4.7%) effective from 1 December 2021. The rate paid by the Council for sleepovers will increase from £11.81 per hour to £12.37 (increase of £0.56, 4.7%).

6. Residential Services

- 6.1. In accordance with the national uplift set by the Scottish Government, adult residential care rates, outwith care homes, will be uplifted by 3.9%.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. The additional expenditure associated with the increase in rates across the various categories detailed in the report will be met from Integrated Joint Board (IJB) funding allocations from the Scottish Government.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 9.1. There are no Climate Change, sustainability and environmental implications associated with this report.

10. Other Implications

- 10.1. There are no issues in respect of sustainable development arising from this report.
- 10.2. There are no other issues arising from this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 11.1. There are no requirements to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 11.2. There was no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained within this report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ deliver better health and social care outcomes for all
- ◆ accountable, effective, efficient, and transparent
- ◆ fair, open, and sustainable

Previous References

- ◆ Rates and Charges for Care Services for 2021/2022, Social Work Resources Committee, 1 September 2021

List of Background Papers

- ◆ none

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