



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 061559
Date 11 June 2015

Care Home Bed Fee Increases

Request:

1. Market Position Statement

Please provide a copy of, or a link to, the Local Authorities latest 'Market Position Statement' detailing the forward view of the Care Home market and taking into account the Local Authorities obligations under the Care Act 2014 (both Phase 1 and Phase 2). If this document is still in draft please provide a draft version where possible, should a forward view not be currently available or is under consultation, please submit or provide a link to the latest **relevant** document and provide a date when the revised or new Care Act compliant 'Market Position Statement' will be produced.

Please see below our latest document.

In response to question 1, the information you requested is being withheld as it falls under the exemption(s) in Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to Information Intended for Future Publication.

The Council intends to publish this information which will be accessible through its website.

The statement can be viewed from September 2015 by going through the link given below:

<http://www.wolvesnet.info/kb5/wolverhampton/asch/article.page?id=EFirNj3vhUk>

Also, please find below link to the latest Market Position Statement:

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/mps>

2. Care Home Bed Procurement Process

Please provide the agreed or proposed procurement process for setting or revising fees for the current 2015/16 (if not already set) and 2016/17 financial years onwards.

The procurement process for setting or revising fees is through engaging with Local Care Forum. In Wolverhampton we have the West Midlands Care Association.

3. Care Act Compliance Requirements

Please state the information the Local Authority will be requesting from Providers of care home beds in order to fulfil its obligations under the Act and to be 'Care Act' compliant by April 2016. This should include a list of data required from Providers and any critical timelines or dates Providers are expected to provide this information in order for the Local Authority to fulfil its obligations under the Care Act by April 2016.

We have commissioned an external organisation to do some work on our behalf.

4. Responsible Persons

Please provide (stating Name, Title and Email address) the person/s responsible for approving all and any recommendations pertaining to fees paid to Providers of Care Homes for 2016/17.

Any recommendations pertaining to fees paid to Providers of Care Homes are approved by Wolverhampton City Council's Cabinet members and not an Officer.

5. Key Dates and Timelines

Please provide the key dates that the Local Authority is working toward in order to meet its obligations under the Care Act 2014 up to and including April 2016 for fees that will be applicable for the period 2016/17. This should include but need not be limited to the key dates as follows:

- I. Fee Consultation Process with Providers (pre and post collection of data relating to the fee setting process for 2016/17)
- II. Collection of data relating to the fee setting process for 2016/17 (i.e. the Cost of Care breakdown etc.)
- III. Evaluation of data relating to the fee setting process for 2016/17
- IV. Recommendations to Cabinet and/or relevant persons responsible for approving fee increase decisions for 2016/17 (please state all decision approvers by name and title).
- V. Confirmation and Communication dates of 2016/17 fees to Providers to include any further consultation phases
- VI. List any other dates by when Providers are required to provide specific information in order for the Local Authority to consider in the calculate of care home bed fees for 2016/17
- VII. Other relevant dates and timelines relating to the fee setting process

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

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6. Pay Rate Assumptions 2015/16

Based on the current model fees (for the period 2015/16) please provide the following information (excluding any Employers NI contribution etc. i.e. the actual Pay Rate to the resources themselves:

The hourly pay rate/s to the employee used by the Local Authority when calculating the fees paid to Care Homes for:

- I. Carer
- II. Senior Carer
- III. Nurse (please provide for each Nurse grade)

(If the fees for 2015/16 are not yet set, please provide the latest data relating to the current fees paid)

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information as this information is currently being collated. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

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7. Pay Rate Assumptions 2016/17

Please expand on your answer to the question above stating how you will calculate or have calculated the 2016/17 hourly pay rates for the above resources. Please provide the indices used and/or data sources utilised in order to calculate these pay rates. Where this has not been calculated, please state the methodology to be used to calculate or establish these rates going forward and provide any assumptions made in your formulae around; Employers NI, Overtime, Provision of training etc. if included in the data provided.

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information as this information is currently being collated and provided by West Midlands Care Association. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

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8. Auto Enrolment

Please explain and provide any applicable formulae used for current care home fees in respect of calculating the impact of Auto Enrolment on fees paid to Providers. Please also explain how this is to be incorporated into the 2016/17 fees and state what information you would require from Bupa in order to determine how Auto Enrolment will impact fees paid to Providers going forward for care home beds.

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information as this information will be collated as part of data collection in question 7 above. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

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9. Follow-Up Timeline

If the Local Authority is unable to provide answers to any of the above questions, please provide a date by when and the name of the person responsible for providing information on behalf of the Local Authority in order for Bupa to follow up and request the information at a later date to avoid unnecessary FOI requests being submitted.

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10. Forums and Associations

In the spirit of partnership and to avoid future FOI requests for information, Bupa would like to consider joining any forums or associations the Local Authority are engaging to further their Care Act obligations. Please provide the relevant contact details where applicable of the parties or entities the Local Authority will be engaging with to consult on the implementation of the Care Act, specifically in respect of care home bed fees.

In Wolverhampton we engage with West Midlands Care Association. Their contact details are: West Midlands Care Association, Globe House, Park Lane, Halesowen B63 2RA Telephone: 01384 637 116 Fax: 01384 637 081 Email: enquiries@wmcha.co.uk

11. FOI Point of Contact

Please provide the name, title, email and contact number of the person Bupa should speak to who is responsible at the Local Authority for the provision of this information and to whom Bupa should seek to engage with or clarify any content in response to this FOI going forward.

Wolverhampton City Council has a dedicated FOI Team, and they can be contacted on FOI@Wolverhampton.gov.uk.

12. Out of Area Placements

Please confirm how you determine the appropriate fee for 'out of area' placements paid by your Local Authority. Please also confirm your approach to annual increases to these fees.

We pay 'HOST' authorities rate.