

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES EXECUTIVE

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FEES AND CHARGES FOR IN-HOUSE & COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES 2019-20

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report sets out the proposed changes in fees and charges for in-house community care services plus meals, transport and laundry services for 2019-20.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Each year the revised maximum charges to users of our in-house services are agreed based on the uprating of existing charges.

3. CHANGES IN CHARGES FOR 2018-19

3.1 Traditional uplift of charges is an exercise carried out annually and the new charges are implemented in April to coincide with the benefit uplift awarded by DWP (9th April 2018 for 2018-19). The proposed new rates for services which are not subject to the means tested financial assessment are outlined in Table 1.

TABLE 1: CHARGES FOR SERVICES NOT SUBJECT TO A FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT

Description of Service	Rates 2018-19	Possible Rounded Rate 2019-20	% Increase
Meals;			
Main	£2.55	£2.65	3.9
Sweet	£0.90	£0.95	5.6
Full Meal	£3.45	£3.60	4.3
Laundry	£4.70	£4.90	4.3
Transport	£2.70	£2.80	3.7

3.2 Table 2 below details the proposed charges for those services being directly provided by NYCC and which are subject to a financial assessment.

TABLE 2: FEE SCHEDULES FOR NYCC MANAGED SERVICES 2018-19

		2018-19	2019-20	% change
Elderly Persons Home		Max. charge	Proposed Max. charge	
Day Care	Per place per day	£31.40	£32.60	3.8
Respite - EPH	Per 24 hour period	£74.60	£77.40	3.8
	Weekly rate	£522.20	£541.80	3.8

Learning Disability Services				
Day Centre	Per place per day	£61.60	£64.00	3.9
Respite	Per 24 hour period	£223.40	£232.00	3.8
	Weekly rate	£1,563.80	£1,624.00	3.8
Personal Care at Home				
Per contact visit				
Days	15 min	£8.20	£8.50	3.7
	30 min	£12.00	£12.50	4.2
	45 min	£15.80	£16.50	4.4
	60 min	£19.80	£20.70	4.5
Nights	15 min	£10.10	£10.50	4.0
	30 min	£15.20	£15.80	3.9
	45 min	£20.20	£21.00	4.0
	60 min	£25.20	£26.20	4.0

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The budget for income from in-house service provision is approximately £4.5m in 2019-20 and the planning assumption currently incorporated into the medium term financial strategy does not assume any 'inflation' of this figure. The actual levels of income generated arise from a combination of the level of charges, the number of users and, critically, the assessed levels of contribution from clients.

5. CONSULTATION

Consultation took place as part of the introduction of the Fairer Contribution policy via the Area Committees through a questionnaire to user representative groups as well as being considered by Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee. No further consultation has been undertaken for this annual uplift process.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This was undertaken as part of the introduction of the Fairer Contribution policy and it is therefore not considered necessary to undertake another assessment for routine uplift. However we do continue to monitor the impact of the change of policy regularly and this is reported to the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a periodic basis.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Corporate Director Health & Adult Services in consultation with the executive member for Health and Adult Services is asked to:-

- (a) Approve the new charging rates as outlined in section 3, Tables 1 and 2 of this report, to be effective from 8th April 2019.

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