

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES EXECUTIVE**

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**FEES AND CHARGES FOR IN-HOUSE & COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES 2020-21**

**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 2020-21.

**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 2020-21**

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 (6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 for 2020-21). 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 2019-20	Possible Rounded Rate 2020-21	% Increase
<b>Meals;</b>			
Main	£2.65	<b>£2.75</b>	3.8%
Sweet	£0.95	<b>£1.00</b>	5.3%
Full Meal	£3.60	<b>£3.75</b>	4.2%
Laundry	£4.90	<b>£5.10</b>	4.1%

3.2 Transport charges are currently £5 per journey (with a cap of £30 per week) and this will remain the charge until April 2021, then the price will increase to £7.50 (with a cap of £40 per week). This was agreed by The Corporate Director Health and Adult Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration in May 2019.

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 2020-21**

		2019-20	2020-21	% change
<b><u>Elderly Persons Home</u></b>		Max. charge	<b>Proposed Max. charge</b>	
Day Care	Per place per day	£32.60	<b>£34.00</b>	4.3%
Respite - EPH	Per 24 hour period	£77.40	<b>£80.00</b>	3.4%
	Weekly rate	£541.80	<b>£560.00</b>	3.4%
<b><u>Learning Disability Services</u></b>				
Day Centre	Per place per day	£64.00	<b>£66.50</b>	3.9%
Respite	Per 24 hour period	£232.00	<b>£240.00</b>	3.4%
	Weekly rate	£1,624.00	<b>£1,680.00</b>	3.4%
<b><u>Personal Care at Home</u></b>				
Per contact visit				
Days	15 min	£8.50	<b>£8.85</b>	4.1%
	30 min	£12.50	<b>£13.00</b>	4.0%
	45 min	£16.50	<b>£17.15</b>	3.9%
	60 min	£20.70	<b>£21.50</b>	3.9%
Nights	15 min	£10.50	<b>£10.90</b>	3.8%
	30 min	£15.80	<b>£16.40</b>	3.8%
	45 min	£21.00	<b>£21.80</b>	3.8%
	60 min	£26.20	<b>£27.20</b>	3.8%

#### **4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The budget for income from in-house service provision is approximately £4.5m in 2020-21 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 originally 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 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

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