

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES EXECUTIVE

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FEES AND CHARGES FOR IN-HOUSE & COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES 2022/23
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 2022/23.

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 2022/23

- 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 (from Monday 11th April 2022 for 2022/23). 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	Proposed Rate 2022/23	% Increase
	2021/22		
Meals;			
Main	£2.85	£2.95	3.5%
Sweet	£1.05	£1.10	4.8%
Full Meal	£3.90	£4.05	3.8%
Laundry	£5.25	£5.45	3.8%

- 3.2 Transport charges are currently £7.50 per journey (with a cap of £40 per week). It is proposed that these figures are increased to £7.75 per journey (3.38% increase) with a cap of £41 per week (3.8% increase).
- 3.3 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 2021/22

		2021/22	2022/23	% change
<u>Elderly Persons Home</u>		Max. charge	Proposed Max. charge	
Day Care	Per place per day	£35.20	£36.60	4.0%
Respite - EPH	Per 24 hour period	£82.75	£86.00	3.9%
	Weekly rate	£579.25	£602.00	3.9%
<u>Learning Disability Services</u>				
Day Centre	Per place per day	£68.80	£71.50	3.9%
Respite	Per 24 hour period	£248.50	£258.00	3.8%
	Weekly rate	£1,739.50	£1,806.00	3.8%
<u>Personal Care at Home</u>				
Per contact visit				
Days	15 min	£9.15	£9.50	3.8%
	30 min	£13.45	£13.95	3.7%
	45 min	£17.75	£18.40	3.7%
	60 min	£22.25	£23.10	3.8%
Nights	15 min	£11.30	£11.75	4.0%
	30 min	£16.95	£17.60	3.8%
	45 min	£22.55	£23.40	3.8%
	60 min	£28.15	£28.15	3.5%

3.4 Table 3 below details the proposed charges related to the deferred payments process. These reflect that there has been no increase in valuations and legal fees.

TABLE 3: FEE SCHEDULES FOR DEFERRED PAYMENT COSTS 2022/23

fee	2021-22 rate	2022-23 rate	% increase
Legal costs	165.00	171.00	3.6%
Land registry search	48.00	49.75	3.6%
Valuations	350.00	350.00	0.0%
	500.00	500.00	0.0%
Admin fee (set up)	134.50	139.50	3.7%
Annual fee	386.40	400.00	3.5%

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The budget for income from in-house service provision is approximately £4.5m in 2022/23 and the planning assumption currently incorporated into the medium term financial strategy assumes 'inflation' will be charged. 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 11 April 2022

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