

To: Social Work, Health and Wellbeing Policy Board

On: 3 March 2015

Report by: Director of Children's Services

Heading: Care Home Fees 2015/16

1. Summary

- 1.1. In accordance with the agreement between the Scottish Government, COSLA and Scottish Care, care home fees have been subject to annual negotiation.
 - 1.2. This year's fee negotiations are still ongoing, and therefore the fees which will apply for financial year 2015/16 are not yet set.
 - 1.3. The arrangements for the negotiation of fees in future years are still under consideration at a national level.
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2. Recommendations

The Social Work, Health and Wellbeing Policy Board is asked to

- a) authorise the Director of Children's Services to implement the care home fees for 2015/16 once these have been agreed nationally.
 - b) note that the Director of Children's Services will report back to the Board if the upratings are not in line with the expected levels.
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3. Background

- 3.1. Since 2006, care home fees in Scotland have been the subject of negotiation and agreement by the Scottish government, COSLA, and Scottish Care, and a representative of Social work Scotland, leading to an agreed national rate. Renfrewshire remains a part of these arrangements for the negotiation of the 2015/16 rate uplift.
- 3.2. Fees payable are set in respect of external residential and nursing care homes and have been structured to link to quality factors in individual homes.

- 3.3. The national negotiations for 2015/16 are still ongoing and therefore the fees have not yet been agreed, nor any recommendation yet made in relation to the linkage to quality factors.
- 3.4. The options for the negotiation of rates for future years are currently under discussion at a national level.
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Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

The financial impact of the increase agreed will be met from available resources.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

Community Care, Health and Well-being - sustaining Improvement to quality in care homes will protect and improve the health of residents.

Safer and Stronger - promoting quality standards in care homes will improve protection of residents.

4. Legal Implications

Providers of residential and nursing care will require to enter into an updated National Care Home Contract or agreed variation thereto.

5. Property/Assets Implications

None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

These proposals accord with the arrangements for purchase of this care category as recommended by the national negotiation process and as adopted by Renfrewshire in previous years.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

List of Background Papers

none

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