

Supplement to agenda item 4: Residential and Nursing Fees

Revised Recommendations

Background

1. Having published the Cabinet report and Appendices the Council was contacted by Evendine House care home seeking clarification on why the costs it had submitted as part of the Open Book Review had been excluded by the authority.

Response

2. In compiling the report the council accessed the website www.carehome.co.uk which records Evendine House as coming under Worcestershire local authority with a postal address of Colwall, Malvern, WR13 6DT. On this basis the data for the home was excluded. This conclusion was incorrect as the CQC shows the home as being under Herefordshire local authority.
3. In order to correct the mistake the financial model has been re-run including the costs for Evendine House. This results in an increase of £1.18 per week for the residential care and residential care with dementia rate from £451.75 to £452.93.
4. The financial model balances the fees across both nursing and residential rates and would result in a reduction of £1.00 to the nursing rate to offset the increase in the residential with dementia rate. It is proposed that the nursing fee be maintained at the published rate of £518.00 but to uplift the proposed residential with dementia weekly rate to £452.93 from the published proposal of £451.75.
5. The estimate cost per annum of the change in recommended weekly fee to £452.93 is £13k pa which will require equivalent savings in the Adult and Wellbeing budget

AMENDMENTS TO CABINET REPORT

Revised Financial Implications

- 67 The 2014/15 budget for the spot purchase of residential and nursing care for older people is £13m of which £9,934k relates to clients placed in Herefordshire care homes at current rates, some clients are accommodated out of county. Because all existing service users will remain on current rates a balanced budget is not estimated to be achieved until the end of 2017/18. This creates a budget pressure of £277k in 14/15. The council will mitigate pressure through a combination of bringing forward savings planned for 2015/16 and demand management.

Revised Recommendations

THAT:

- (a) Sets the usual price for the spot purchase of publicly funded places in residential care homes and nursing homes for older people as follows:
 - I. residential care and residential care with dementia - £452.93 per week
 - II. nursing home care - £518.00 per week;^{*1}
- (b) Agrees the implementation plan set out in paragraph 8.21, and
- (c) Requests the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Group to undertake regular progress reviews on implementation.

^{*1} providers will also receive a further payment for funded nursing care (currently £112.70 per week from the NHS)