

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

I have been attempting to obtain information on the fee rates paid to independent sector nursing and residential homes for the care of individuals for whom the council accept financial responsibility from your commissioning department without success. An existing document outlining any change in rates since 2013/14 financial year and the fees for elderly and dementia nursing and residential care for the current 2014/15 financial year would suffice. If you have any additional documentation relating to the fee levels or eligibility criteria which might prove helpful in interpreting the information (e.g. letter to care home operators, schedule of fee rates etc), I would be grateful if you could also include this.

The City Council has not yet agreed the rates that it pays for residential and nursing care for 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014 / 2015. We have just ended consultation with Independent Sector Residential and Nursing Care Home Providers on the rates as detailed below;

Recommended 2012/13	Recommended 2013/14
Band 1 £319	£325
Band 2 £337	£344
Band 3 £376	£383
Band 4 £382	£390
Band 5 £419	£427
Nursing £408	£416

The proposal for the fee setting for 14/15 is to adjust the following elements:
Wage costs- to reflect the movement for National Minimum Wage
Other expenses (excluding labour costs) – to reflect the movement on CPI
Return on capital invested- to reflect the movement on Base Rate

Banding information:

RESIDENTIAL CARE

People who live and are appropriately placed in residential care may need some intervention during the period of their stay for health reasons. Any health care needs, will normally be appropriately met by advice, supervision or attention from the community nursing services. People with nursing needs beyond this level and who need attention and care under constant supervision and availability of a

qualified nurse would need to be considered for a placement in a residential nursing home.

BAND 1: OLDER PEOPLE

People with a degree of disability/frailty (physical, sensory and/or mental) that can be associated with their age. Such people may be able to carry out some self-care tasks independently but are in need of general assistance in order to maintain a range of daily living functions, including some supervision and/or assistance with mobility.

The need to move into residential care will frequently be associated with the lack or irretrievable breakdown of social support networks combined with poor motivation to self-care. .

BAND 2: MENTAL ILLNESS/DRUG OR ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY

Adults whose ability to maintain the range of daily living functions necessary to reside independently or semi-independently in the community is significantly affected and attributed to clinically diagnosed current or previous mental ill health/drug or alcohol dependency. Such people will typically be capable of performing all self-care tasks but will require support and supervision to do so constantly. They are likely to require intervention from staff and community health services in the maintenance of treatment and/or therapeutic regimes in respect of their mental health substance misuse. This band is not usually intended to be used to place older people.

The primary need(s) prompting admission are likely to arise from a level of psychological dependence resulting in self-neglect and risk to self and/or others if not supervised, combined with an absence or irretrievable breakdown of carer/community support networks.

These people **will not** be eligible at the point of admission for continuing care services **from the health authority**, their needs in relation to these services however, may be subject to review.

BAND 3: DEPENDENT OLDER PEOPLE

Older people whose needs are greater than those defined in Band 1 in that they need a significant level of assistance. In effect these people will need many tasks done for them, as opposed to simply requiring supervision or help. This will include the need for supervision or assistance with mobility and/or orientation. Such people may also be experiencing considerable difficulty arising from sensory disabilities, physical and or mental disability/frailty.

The primary need prompting admission is likely to arise from such people living alone or with a carer whose level of dependency has exceeded that which can be reasonably met in their own home and/or with the lack or irretrievable breakdown of social support networks.

BAND 4: LEARNING DISABILITY

Adults whose ability to maintain the range of daily living functions necessary to reside independently or semi independently is directly affected because of a learning disability. A learning disability may be recognised in a number of ways, including Social Services procedures under Section 5 of the Disabled Persons Act. For some individuals, particularly those whose circumstances pre-dated this process, identification by health care professionals will be the formal recognition.

Such people will require support supervision and/or assistance in performing all main self-care tasks. In effect they may need some tasks done for them as opposed to simply requiring supervision or help, this will include the need for some

supervision or assistance with mobility and, the management of some challenging behaviour. They will also require advice, supervision and/or attention in respect of social, educational and/or recreational skills. They may also require intervention from staff and community nursing services in the maintenance of treatment and/or therapeutic regimes.

The primary need prompting admission is likely to arise from such people living alone (or with a carer) whose level of dependence has exceeded that which can be reasonably met in their own home.

BAND 5: HIGHLY DEPENDENT PEOPLE/PHYSICAL DISABILITY

People who have a substantial and permanent physical and/or sensory disability when there will frequently be a need for specially adapted facilities. This band can be appropriate for older and younger people and it includes older people who are suffering from the effects of mental ill health where the associated behaviour requires considerable management and support through additional staff attention.

All such people will need the majority of self-care tasks carried out by someone else and, will need the assistance of more than one person for a significant number of these during the day and/or night. They will also require assistance with transfers and mobility; and the management of some challenging behaviour. These people may require advice, supervision and/or attention in respect of social educational and/or recreational skills.

Any nursing needs **will not** require the constant availability of a qualified nurse and will be appropriately met by advice, supervision or attention from community nursing and/or community psychiatric nursing services.

The primary needs prompting admission is likely to arise from such people living alone or with a carer whose level of dependence has exceeded that which can be reasonably met in their own home and/or with the lack or irretrievable breakdown of social support networks.

For older people a placement at this band can only be made in a residential home that is registered in the relevant category, this includes multi-category registration or, an appropriately dual registered nursing home and, can include Local Authority Homes. Authorisation of a band 5 placement rests with a Head of Service.

ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES

All Additional Allowances are subject to the authority of the Divisional Manager
Enhancement can only be on the basis of individual needs considerations

A) SPECIAL NEEDS

Individuals whose exceptional needs require levels of care in excess of those usually associated with the normal banded rates.

B) CULTURAL NEEDS

An expectation exists that providers will offer a standard of personal care appropriate to each individual they admit which will include religious and cultural needs. There may be occasions however when the particular needs of an individual in this respect cannot be met other than by a specifically cultural appropriate placement. Such provision is in limited supply at present and may not be available at the usual payment band applicable to their needs.

C) LOCALITY SPECIFIC RATE

Where the service user has expressed a preference for a placement outside the city of Leicester, and their assessed need can be met in the city of Leicester then the relevant Leicester City Council's independent sector care home band will be paid.

Where the service user has expressed a preference for a placement outside the city of Leicester, and their assessed need can only be met in a specific placement outside the city of Leicester then the actual cost of the placement outside the city of Leicester will be paid.

Where the service user has not expressed a preference for a placement outside the city of Leicester, and their assessed need can only be met in a placement outside the city of Leicester then the actual cost of the placement outside the city of Leicester will be paid.

Where the service user has not expressed a preference for a placement outside the city of Leicester, and their assessed need cannot be met in the city of Leicester, that is there is no provision within the city of Leicester, then the actual cost of the placement outside the city of Leicester will be paid.

For any other situation, the relevant Leicester City Council's independent sector care home band will be paid.

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9 – 15 Princess Road West
LEICESTER LE1 6TH
e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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