



Bradford Council Care Fee Uplift 2024





context

- 2023/24 –Market Sustainability & Improvement Fund and Workforce Fund enabled above inflation uplifts for Home Care, Care Homes, Supported Living Services & Extra Care
- Enhanced rates brought in for Care Homes
- OBR forecasts inflation average in 24/25 at 2.8%
- NLW increase to £11.44 a 9.79% increase
- BCA suggests impact of NLW on employer pensions and NI contributions is a further 0.5%



Context

- Bradford Council structural deficit of 120 million and requiring 'extraordinary financial support' and to shrink over the next 3 years
- ASC is required to make significant savings
- Fee uplifts have been protected and the same formula for determining increases has been applied to ASC budget
- Fee uplift considerations informed by discussions with BCA and NHS





Home Support

- new Home Support Contract commenced in Autumn 2023.
- workforce recruitment and retention remain a challenge but the new contracts are expected to support improvements to terms and conditions and reduce operating costs
- The rate for 24/25 will be based on 80% staffing increased by NLW = 7.83%
- The hourly rate will increase to £23.48



Residential and Nursing Care Homes

- From 2024 there will be just one base rate (standard and enhanced) for all client groups
- indications suggest that 30% of placements will attract the enhanced rates
- The fee uplift for residential and nursing is 7.63%
Based on a staffing to non – staffing ratio of 67.75/32.25 split, with NLW increase applied to staffing and inflation of 3.1% applied to non-staffing.



Care Home fee table

		23/24	24/25 (7.63% uplift)	
Residential	Standard	661.57	712.11	
	enhanced	701.54	755.09	
Nursing	standard	704.06	757.82	Plus FNC tbc
	enhanced	744.73	801.57	Plus FNC tbc



Other services

- Supported Living & Extra Care – 6.85%
- Residential and nursing 1 to 1 rates; Direct Payments; ISFs - 7.83%
- Placement fees (e.g. Shared Lives and Time Out); Day Care; Support at Day Care; and other commissioned services 6.85%



Negotiated rate/ specialist packages

- Care Cubed approach will continue
- For packages agreed through Care Cubed and priced within the accepted 'range', the uplift for residential and nursing of *up to 7.63%* can be applied
- Approx 2/3's of providers have been through Care Cubed or are close to completion
- Remaining packages will be prioritised in Q1





NHS Funded Care

- The ICB work closely with the Council who is lead commissioner.
- The ICB have confirmed that they support the proposed fee uplifts for the contracted services that they also fund.
- ICB not yet able to confirm the Full CHC rate uplift for 2024/25 due to FNC rate not yet announced
- A separate notification will be circulated once the FNC and CHC rate can be confirmed, and the payments system will be updated with the changes backdated to the beginning of April.



Request to all providers

- Adult Social Care and the ICB in Bradford values the work that all our external providers undertake on our behalf. We also value the strong partnership approach between the Council, the Bradford Care Association, the Voluntary Sector Alliance and the NHS, that we have all worked hard to foster.
- We ask that all providers look at whether their own services could make cost improvements or efficiencies, be that in relation to running costs, delivery models, through the increased use of technology to support care, or by partnering with wider services in the community to support the prevention and community led support agenda, as well as by informing the Council of reductions in need that may warrant adjustments to care packages in a timely way.
- Any suggestions/proposals can be shared with commissioningInbox@bradford.gov.uk

