

CABINET - 15 March 2016

Addenda - Care Home Fees 2016

Report by Director of Adult Social Services

1. The Care Home Fees 2016 report contains an incorrect figure for the current Nursing Specialist rate 2015/16 and the proposed Nursing Specialist rate for 2016/217. This requires an amendment to the recommendations of the report but does not affect the affordability of the recommendations.
2. The table at **paragraph 33** of the document is amended as follows:

Target Banding Rate	Current (less FNC) £	Inflation	Revised £	FNC* £	Target Banding Rate 2016-17 £
Nursing Specialist	544	3.94%	565	112	677

* This is the 2015-16 rate and this will be revised on publication of the rate effective from April 2016

3. This table at **paragraph 50** of the document is amended as follows:

Target Banding Rate	15-16	less FNC	Net	% increase	Banding 16-17	FNC	With FNC
Nursing Specialist	656	112	544	4.35%	568	112	680

4. The statement at **Paragraph 81** is amended to read:

The recommendation on Target Banding Rates needs to be considered in terms of the budget that has been agreed by the Council in February 2016. The Budget agreed an allowance for increases in Commissioned services, including increasing bandings to fund the National Living Wage, and the proposal in this report is affordable within that funding.

If the Council sets the Residential banding rate at £493, then the cost of increasing all current placements below £493 to that level is £58,000 per annum.

If the Council sets the Nursing Extensive banding rate at £605, then the cost of increasing all current placements below £605 to that level is £151,000 per annum.

If the Council sets the Nursing Specialist banding rate at £680, then the cost of increasing all current placements below £680 to that level is £207,000 per annum

The total cost to the council would be £416,000.

5. These changes require an amendment to recommendations (v) and (vi) in **paragraph 87** of the report as follows:

(v) Increase the Nursing-Specialist Target Banding Rate to £680 per week.

(vi) Increase all existing weekly Nursing Substantial rates that are currently below £680 per week to £680 per week.

6. For ease of reference the recommendations are restated in full below:

Revised Recommendations

7. The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED that in view of the above:

for 2016/17 to revise our Target Banding Rates from April 2016 and

(i). Increase the Target Banding rate for the Residential-Extensive Specialist Category to £493 per week for new placements.

(ii). Increase all existing weekly Residential payment rates that are currently paid below £493 per week to £493 per week

(iii). Increase the Nursing-Extensive Target Banding Rate to £605 per week
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(iv). Increase all existing weekly Nursing Extensive that are currently below £605 per week to £605 per week

(v). Increase the Nursing-Specialist Target Banding Rate to £680 per week

(vi). Increase all existing weekly Nursing Substantial rates that are currently below £680 per week to £680 per week

(vii). Increase the above rates to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing Care once this is announced later in April 2016.

(viii). Increase all other existing Care Home placements to reflect the increase in Funded Nursing care once this is announced later in April 2016

(ix). Continue to use these rates as a guide to secure a care home placement at a funding level as close to the Target Banding Rate as possible.

(x). The above to apply from April 2016 and for care home placements in Oxfordshire.

(xi). The Council undertakes a review to understand the impact of National Living Wage

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Background papers: All Consultation responses are available in the Members Library

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