OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Director of Adults and Housing Services

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Adult Social Care Providers

Dear Provider

Re: Adult Social Care Fee Uplift for 2026/27 – effective from 1 April 2026

I am writing to confirm Oxfordshire County Council's Adult Social Care fee uplifts for 2026/27. Unless you are informed otherwise, these uplifts will be applied from **1 April 2026**.

An uplift of **2.03%** will be applied to all contracted services delivered in Oxfordshire, up to the relevant **ceiling thresholds** set out in the table below. Rates above these thresholds, or services delivered outside Oxfordshire, are not covered by the automatic uplift.

Care Delivery	Service Type	Frequency	2026/27 Rate *(Ceiling Threshold)*
Care Home	Care Band 1 – Residential Care	Weekly	£1,168.35
	Care Band 2 - Residential Specialist	Weekly	£1,274.56
	Care Band 3 -Nursing Care *(exc. FNC)*	Weekly	£1,253.62
	Care Band 4 - Nursing Specialist *(exc. FNC)*	Weekly	£1,359.84
	Care Band 5 - Specialist	Weekly	Variable
Home Care	Planned Support	Hourly	£30.87
	Reablement	Episode	£1,246.94
	Live-in (with break)	Weekly	£1,600.64
	Live-in (without a break)	Weekly	£1,168.35
	Waking Night	Nightly	£242.48
Extra Care Housing	Day Planned Support	Hourly	£24.66
	Night Planned Support	Hourly	£26.62
	On-site Care	Weekly	£66.40
Supported Living & Outreach	Planned Support	Hourly	£29.67
External Day Service	External Day Services	Session	Variable
Sleep-In	Sleep-In	Nightly	£84.97

Residential and Nursing Care Homes

For Residential and Nursing Care Homes on the Framework, fees will continue to be managed in line with the terms of the contract. Any uplifts will be applied strictly in accordance with those contractual provisions and will continue to be used as a benchmark for these placement types within Oxfordshire.

Funded Nursing Care

FNC will be paid directly to you by your Integrated Care Board (ICB). For Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and West Berkshire, please direct all FNC queries to: bobicb.oxonchcduty@nhs.net. The national FNC rate for 2026/27 is £267.68.

Universal Deferred Payment Agreements

If you are paid via a UDPA arrangement, you must provide us with a copy of the letter sent to the client (or their representative) notifying them of your fee increase. This should be emailed to us as soon as it is issued. Without this evidence, we are unable to amend your payment.

Exceptions

Services and placements that started from 1 January 2026 will not automatically receive an uplift.

Fee Review Process

The automatic uplift does not apply to:

- Services priced above the ceiling thresholds, or
- Services delivered outside Oxfordshire.

If you wish to request a fee review based on individual circumstances, please follow the process below:

1. Email your request to carefeeuplifts@oxfordshire.gov.uk , including a completed Care Cubed form for each service user (see link below). *Please ensure the form includes the individual's initials and date of birth (or OCC reference number, if known).*
2. Requests will be considered by a review panel, looking at:
    - The individual's assessed care needs
    - Unit costs of the service
    - Host authority fee rates (where applicable)
3. You will be notified of the panel's decision in writing. Any agreed changes will be reflected in the next available payment run following notification.

Submission Deadline

All fee review requests, including fully completed forms and supporting documentation, must be received by **1 August 2026**.

Requests submitted after this date will only be backdated to the date on which a fully completed submission is received by the Council. Incomplete submissions, or those missing required documentation, will not be considered.

Further information on fee uplifts, consultations and the fee review process is available on our website: **Fees and reviews | Oxfordshire County Council** (oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/information-providers/adult-social-care-providers/fees-and-reviews)

Yours sincerely,



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