

APPENDIX A

CARE FEES 2026/2027

The following fees will apply to all new and existing packages of care (unless specified otherwise below) with contracted providers under the contracts and services listed in the table below, from Monday 6 April 2026 (or from date of contract award, whichever is the latter).

N.B. this does not apply to the Quick Discharge Service contract for which increases will only apply to new packages starting from 6 April 2026 onwards. Existing packages commencing prior to 6 April 2026 will remain at the 2025/26 rates.

For the avoidance of doubt, existing packages of care (commissioned under 2018 Flexible Contracting Arrangements for Care Homes, Supported Living or Home Support Sensory Loss Services) will not be uplifted to the fees set out below until the care provider has been awarded a **2023 Flexible Contracting Arrangements for Care Homes, Supported Living or Home Support Sensory Loss Services “FCA 2023”** contract.

Existing packages of care (commissioned under the 2019 Framework for the Provision of Home Support for Children, Young People with Disabilities and Home Support for Adults) delivered by providers which have not been awarded a **2024 Flexible Contracting Arrangement for the Provision of Home Support for Children and Young People with Disabilities and Homes Support for Adults “FA 2024”** will not be uplifted to the fees set out below:

Contract	Service type	2025/26 fee	2026/27 Fee	Indicative % Increase
FA 2024	Home Support 2024	£23.35 per hour	£24.05 per hour	3.00%
FCA 2023	Home Support - Sensory Loss 2023	£28.35 per 60 min call £26.01 per 45 min call £20.17 per 30 min call	£29.05 per 60 min call £26.65 per 45 min call £20.63 per 30 min call	3.00%
HS Prisons Service 2022	Home Support – Prisons 2022*	£27.35 per hour	£28.05 per hour	3.00%
FCA 2023	Supported Living 2023	£21.42 per hour	£22.07 per hour	3.03%
FCA 2023	Older Adult Care Homes without nursing 2023	£728 per week	£756.50 per week	3.91%
FCA 2023	Older Adult Care Homes with nursing 2023	£831 per week	£864 per week	3.97%
FA 2024	Quick Discharge Service 2024 (effective for new packages from 6/4/26 only)	£21.12 per 60 min call £19.01 per 45 min call £13.73 per 30 min call	£21.72 per 60 min call £19.55 per 45 min call £14.12 per 30 min call	3.00%
FCA 2023	Younger Adult Care Homes 2023	See fee structure below	See fee structure below	3.91%

* Home Support - Approved Premises is commissioned via the Home Support Prison Service 2022 contract at the rates shown above.

For Out of Area providers please see Note 1 below.

Younger Adult Care Homes 2023 “FCA 2023” contract holders

- The following fees will apply to all new and existing younger adult packages of care with contracted providers (2023 care home contract holders only), from Monday 6 April 2026 (or from date of contract award, whichever is the latter):
- There is a Guide Price in place which operates under 6 price bands dependent on a care hours assessment of the citizen’s unmet eligible care and support needs.
- For existing packages above or at different rates to the 6-band price structure below. fees will be increased by 3.91%
- You may be required to submit an Open Book template as part of this process.

Younger Adult Care Home Guide Price For Contracted Homes

Band	No. of hours of care and support/week	2025/26 Guide Price - Weekly	2026/27 Guide Price - Weekly
Band 1	0-27	£728 (£831 for nursing)	£756.50 (£864 for nursing)
Band 2	28-42	£991.76	£1,030.54
Band 3	43-57	£1,345.95	£1,398.58
Band 4	58-72	£1,629.31	£1,693.02
Band 5	73-87	£1,912.66	£1,987.45
Band 6	88-102	£2,196.03	£2,281.89

Notes:

1. **Placements outside of Birmingham** – For Out of Area care home placements commissioned at the host local authority fee - the Council will pay the associated increase once this is determined by the host local authority and once the provider has been awarded the Council’s “FCA 2023” only. For out of area placements commissioned at the Birmingham standard residential fee or Birmingham standard nursing fee, then the fees will increase to £756.50 and £864 respectively, again once the provider has been awarded the Council’s “FCA 2023” only.
2. **Extra Care Sheltered Housing** – Fees as follows from 6 April 2026:
 - a. Spot purchased Extra Care hours will increase to £22.07/hour (3.96%)
 - b. Block arrangement Extra Care hours will remain at £16.00/hour
3. **Day Opportunities Flexible Contracting Arrangement 2025** – Fees will increase from 6 April 2026 by 3.91%.
4. **Direct Payments** – All existing Direct Payments as at 6 April 2026 will increase as follows with any new Direct Payments entered into on or after 6 April 2025 being calculated as follows:
 - a. Use of a personal assistant will increase by 4.13% to £14.64/hour
 - b. Use of a CQC Registered care provider will increase by 3.00% to £24.05/hour for home support; by 3.03% to £22.07/hour for supported living; and 3.96% to £22.07 for Extra Care Sheltered Housing.
5. **Non-Contracted Providers** - These fees or associated increases do not apply to providers not commissioned under the above-named arrangements and/or contracts.

6. **For providers who do not apply for/not awarded an FCA 2023 contract (care homes, supported living or home support sensory loss)** – please note there will be no increase in your fees until such time as you are awarded a 2023 contract. Applicable increases will only be applied from the date of contract award.
7. **For care packages commissioned under the 2018 Flexible Contracting Arrangements for Care Homes, Supported Living or Home Support Sensory Loss Services** - a 0% fee increase has been awarded.
8. **For providers who did not apply for/not awarded an FA 2024 contract (home support) and have care packages commissioned under the 2019 Framework for the Provision of Home Support for Children, Young People with Disabilities and Home Support for Adults** - a 0% fee increase has been awarded.