

West Sussex County Council

Urgent Action

The following key decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the relevant officer and with the agreement of the relevant Committee Chairman.

Regulation 11: Members are asked to note that as this is a key decision it should have been included in the Forward Plan for the required 28 days. It was, however, not possible to do so and agreement to the decision has been obtained from the relevant Committee Chairman and notice has been given to the public.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Financial Support to Care Sector OKD24 (20/21)
Officer responsible for Decision	Tony Kershaw - Director of Law and Assurance
Officer responsible for Function	Alan Adams – Interim Executive Director Adults and Health
Decision published	3 August 2020
West Sussex Plan priority	Independence in Later Life
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>Following the allocation of funding to commissioned care provision in April 2020 to support with Covid-19 related costs, and the Infection Control Grant allocated and disseminated to the wider market in June and July 2020, it is now proposed that contracted rates paid to care providers be increased temporarily by 5% in recognition of additional costs related to provision of services during the pandemic.</p> <p>It is proposed that a simple across the board approach is taken rather than one tailored to the needs of individual suppliers in order to achieve a timely response and to avoid administrative burdens. It is also proposed that the arrangements are limited to three months from 1 July – 30 September 2020 and subject to a continuation of conditions included in the original allocation. Any longer-term proposals will be considered and reviewed during the 3-month period and subject to further decision.</p>
Decision	The Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Interim Executive Director Adults and Health and the Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee has approved that a cross-market uplift of 5% is given in payments to commissioned care providers for a period of three months from the 1 July 2020 - 30 September 2020 as detailed in paragraph 2 of the report.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None

Reason for urgency	This decision is urgent as at the point of relevant consultation, engagement and planning the need to make the financial commitment to the market has become pressing as the recipients need to have assurance about future funding.
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Background Papers	See report for details