



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 29 JANUARY 2020

REVIEW OF SUPPORT AND CARE AND RESIDENTIAL FEES 2020/21

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to update the Integration Joint Board regarding the proposed changes in Support and Care and Residential Fees for 2020/21.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that with respect to the changes to charging arrangements for 2020/21 the Integration Joint Board:-

- (i) Consider and note the proposed changes in charging arrangements for 2020/21;
- (ii) Note that these proposals may be adjusted in light of further information over coming weeks;
- (iii) Note that a final report will be submitted to Angus Council meeting of February 2020 for approval.

2. BACKGROUND

While the responsibility for the operational delivery of Adult Services is devolved to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (effective April 2016), the formal authority to charge for social work services remains with Angus Council. On that basis, Angus Council needs to formally approve planned amendments to charges as proposed by Angus Health and Social Care Partnership. In advance of Angus HSCP submitting a report to Angus Council for consideration in February 20120, this report sets out the current proposals for changes to charging for 2020/21.

Previous recommendations were set out in papers Angus Council report 53/19.

In February 2020, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership is scheduled to agree a budget settlement with Angus Council to support the delivery of Adult Services. Due to the challenging circumstances facing both Angus Council and Angus Health & Social Care Partnership, the settlement requires the Partnership to develop a series of proposals regarding charging related issues that reflect the challenging circumstances.

The overall intention is to consider instances where charges can be amended to increase income to support the ongoing delivery of the current volume of social work adult services, taking into account increased costs, without undue detriment to service users and without destabilising front line services and service uptake.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The proposals are set out in Appendix 1. This Appendix is intended to replicate any final paper that will be submitted to Angus Council in February 2020. Beyond what is set out in the Appendix, it should be noted that all proposals will be subject to further review within the IJB in light of further information becoming available.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Some specific financial implications of charging changes are set out in the attached appendix. The overall impact on the IJB's budgetary framework for 2020/21 can be assumed to be as follows:-

Effects of Charging Changes in attached report

Support and Care - £33k.

Support and Care (Flat Fee Rates) - £32k.

On top of the above it is expected that a general increased ability for services users to contribute to their costs of residential care (e.g. due to pension increases) will increase charging income to the IJB by c £179k and adjustments to residential care rates will contribute a further £50k per annum. This gives an assumed total increase in forecast income of income of c£294k which will be reflected in the IJB's budgetary framework.

On an annual basis Angus HSCP generates c£10m of income. In any given year there can be an element of bad debt. The IJB is working with Angus Council to develop financial information regarding financial exposure to debt issues.

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