

Better Care Fund 2020-21 Year-end Template

8. Improved Better Care Fund

Selected Health and Wellbeing Board:

Darlington

These questions cover average fees paid by your local authority (including client contributions/user charges) to external care providers for your local authority's eligible clients.
 The averages will likely need to be calculated from records of payments paid to social care providers and the number of client weeks they relate to, unless you already have suitable management information.

We are interested ONLY in the average fees actually received by external care providers for your local authority's eligible supported clients (including client contributions/user charges). Specifically the averages SHOULD EXCLUDE:

- Any amounts that you usually include in reported fee rates but are not paid to care providers e.g. your local authority's own staff costs in managing the commissioning of places.
- Any amounts that are paid from sources other than eligible local authority funding and client contributions/user charges, i.e. you should EXCLUDE third party top-ups, NHS Funded Nursing Care and full cost paying clients.

Respecting these exclusions, the average fees SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Client contributions /user charges.
- Fees paid under spot and block contracts, fees paid under a dynamic purchasing system, payments for travel time in home care, any allowances for external provider staff training, fees directly commissioned by your local authority and fees commissioned by your local authority as part of a Managed Personal Budget.
- Fees that did not change as a result of the additional IBCF allocation, as well as those that did. We are interested in the whole picture, not just fees that were specifically increased using additional IBCF funding.

If you only have average fees at a more detailed breakdown level than the three service types of home care, 65+ residential and 65+ nursing requested below (e.g. you have the more detailed categories of 65+ residential without dementia, 65+ residential with dementia) **please calculate for each of the three service types an average weighted by the proportion of clients that receive each detailed category:**

1. Take the number of clients receiving the service for each detailed category.
2. Divide the number of clients receiving the service for each detailed category (e.g. age 65+ residential without dementia, age 65+ residential with dementia) by the total number of clients receiving the relevant service (e.g. age 65+ residential).
3. Multiply the resultant proportions from Step 2 by the corresponding fee paid for each detailed category.
4. For each service type, sum the resultant detailed category figures from Step 3.

Please leave any missing data cells as blank e.g. do not attempt to enter '0' or 'N/A'.

	For information - your 2019-20 fee as reported in Q2 2019-20*	Average 2019-20 fee. If you have newer/better data than at Q2 2019-20, enter it below and explain why it differs in the comments. Otherwise enter the Q2 2019-20 value from the previous column	What was your anticipated average fee rate for 2020-21, if COVID-19 had not occurred?	What was your actual average fee rate per actual user for 2020-21? **	Implied uplift: anticipated 2020-21 rates compared to 2019-20 rates.	Implied uplift: actual 2020-21 rates compared to 2019-20 rates.
1. Please provide the average amount that you paid to external providers for home care, calculated on a consistent basis. (£ per contact hour, following the exclusions as in the instructions above)	£14.47	£14.47	£14.99	£15.60	3.6%	7.8%
2. Please provide the average amount that you paid for external provider care homes without nursing for clients aged 65+, calculated on a consistent basis. (£ per client per week, following the exclusions as in the instructions above)	£550.00	£550.00	£585.00	£610.00	6.4%	10.9%
3. Please provide the average amount that you paid for external provider care homes with nursing for clients aged 65+, calculated on a consistent basis. (£ per client per week, following the exclusions in the instructions above)	£674.00	£674.00	£676.00	£704.00	0.3%	4.5%
4. Please provide additional commentary if your 2019-20 fee is different from that reported at Q2 2019-20. Please do not use more than 250 characters.						

Checklist
Complete: Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

5. Please briefly list the covid-19 support measures that have most increased your average fees for 2020-21. Please do not use more than 250 characters.



A fee uplift was awarded to all care homes and domiciliary providers, this was initially 5% and then reduced to 3.5% from December 2021

115 characters remaining



Footnotes:

- * "." in the column C lookup means that no 2019-20 fee was reported by your council in Q2 2019-20
- ** For column F, please calculate your fee rate as the expenditure during the year divided by the number of actual client weeks during the year. This will pick up any support that you have provided in terms of occupancy guarantees. (Occupancy guarantees should result in a higher rate per actual user.)