

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Uprating of Approved Nursing and Residential Home Rates for 1998/99
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 3 March 1998	
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for the uprating of the Council's rates for private and voluntary nursing and residential care homes, in line with DSS benefit upratings for 1998/99

2 DSS RESIDENTIAL RATES

- 2.1 The Government has uprated DSS residential care allowances with effect from April 1998. Appendix 1 details the DSS residential rates which applied in 1997/98 together with the new rates for 1998/99. It should be noted that higher DSS rates apply in London and the Council would pay the higher rate for any North Lanarkshire resident placed in London.

3 COUNCIL APPROVED RATES FOR PRIVATE & VOLUNTARY NURSING & RESIDENTIAL CARE**3.1 Nursing Homes**

The current approved rate for nursing homes is set at the same level as DSS rates. It is proposed to continue the principle of linking the Council's approved rates to D.S.S. rates. (1997/98 £312 per week - 1998/99 £319 per week)

3.2 Residential Homes

The current approved rate for voluntary and private residential homes for older people where residents are funded in part or in full by the Council is set at the DSS very dependent elderly rate (£240 per week in 1997/98 - £247 per week in 1998/99). It is proposed to continue the principle of linking the Council's approved rates to the very dependant elderly rate for 1998/99.

- 3.3 The very dependant elderly rate is also applicable to the needs of people with mental health problems, and elderly people with physical disabilities. It is therefore proposed to pay the £247 rate for residential care for people with mental health and physical disabilities (above pensionable age).
- 3.4 In relation to residential care for people with learning disabilities, it is proposed to pay the revised DSS rate of £257 per week.
- 3.5 It is proposed to pay the revised DSS rates in respect of residents in all other types of care as detailed in appendix 1.
- 3.6 Under the terms of the Council's contract with private and voluntary nursing and residential care homes (schedule 3 clause 1C), having been notified of the Council's approved rate for the following year, providers are required to give notice of next year's prices one month prior to the beginning of that year. For future placements these prices may exceed DSS residential rates and the Council's approved rates, the difference being funded by third party contributions.

4 STANDARD RESPITE CHARGES

- 4.1 For 1998/99, it is proposed that the standard weekly charge to Council funded clients (i.e. standard weekly client contribution) for respite care in private and voluntary nursing homes and residential care homes should be £107.75.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Committee is asked :
- ◆ To note the terms of this report
 - ◆ To note the uprated levels of DSS residential care allowances which will apply from April 1998 and authorise the payment of private and voluntary nursing and residential care homes at these revised rates from 13 April 1998
 - ◆ To approve the payment of the Very Dependant Elderly rate for all elderly people and people with a mental health problem in private and voluntary nursing and residential care homes who are funded in part or in full by the Council with effect from 13 April 1998
 - ◆ To approve a standard charge of £107.75 per week to Council funded clients for respite care in private and voluntary nursing homes and residential care homes.



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Residential Care Homes	Old rates 1997/98	New Rates 1998/99
Very Dependent Elderly	240	247
Mental Disorder (not handicap)	220	225
Drug/Alcohol Dependency	220	225
Learning Disability	250	257
Physical Disablement		
a) Under pension age	285	292
b) Over pension age	208	213
Others	208	213
Maximum Greater London increase	41	44

Nursing Homes

Mental disorder (not handicap)	312	319
Drug/Alcohol dependence	312	319
Learning Disability	318	325
Terminal Illness	311	318
Physical disablement		
a) Under pension age	352	359
b) Over pension age	311	318
Others (including Elderly)	311	318
Maximum Greater London increase	46	49