

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Uprating of Approved Nursing & Residential Home Rates for 1999/2000
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
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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 1999/2000.

2 DSS RESIDENTIAL RATES

- 2.1 The Government has uprated DSS residential care allowances with effect from April 1999. Appendix 1 details the DSS residential rates which applied in 1998/99 together with the new rates for 1999/2000. 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 AND VOLUNTARY NURSING AND 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 DSS rates. (1998/99 £318 per week - 1999/2000 £325 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 (£247 per week in 1998/99 - £252 per week in 1999/2000). It is proposed to continue the principle of linking the Council's approved rates to the very dependent elderly rate for 1999/2000.

- 3.3 The very dependent 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 £252 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 rate of £262 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 contribution.

4 STANDARD RESPITE CHARGES


- 4.1 For 1999/2000, 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 £111.40.

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 1999 and authorise the payment of private and voluntary nursing and residential care homes at these revised rates for 19 April 1999
- ◆ To approve the payment of the Very Dependent 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 19 April 1999.

- ◆ To approve a standard charge of £111.40 per week to Council funded clients for respite care in private and voluntary nursing homes and residential care homes.



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<u>Residential Care Homes</u>	<u>Old rates 1998/99</u>	<u>New Rates 1999/2000</u>
Very Dependent Elderly	247	252
Mental Disorder (not handicap)	225	230
Drug/alcohol dependence	225	230
Learning Disability	257	262
Physical Disability		
(a) (under pension age)	292	298
(b) (over pension age)	213	218
others	213	218
maximum Greater London increase	44	45

Nursing Homes

Mental disorder (not handicap)	319	326
Drug/alcohol dependence	319	326
Learning Disability	325	332
Terminal Illness	318	325
Physical disability		
(a) (under pension age)	359	367
(b) (over pension age)	318	325
others (including elderly)	318	325
Maximum Greter London increase	49	50