

Dear Care Provider,

As you are aware the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) are asking care providers to participate in a national Fair Cost of Care exercise to demonstrate the true costs of providing adult social care. We understand that the timing isn't ideal, the deadlines are tight and considerable amount of information is required. We also appreciate that providers have already participated in similar exercises over the years however, this is the first time anything like this has been completed on a national basis to inform DHSC future policies and funding arrangements for the sector.

As part of the exercise Bradford have been allocated approximately £5.9 million in April 2023 to support care fee uplifts whilst, this unlikely to be sufficient to meet the full fair cost of care it will a contribution towards reaching it. It is therefore crucial that all providers engage with this exercise to demonstrate the true cost of care to DHSC and the Treasury to ensure they increase sufficiently the funding for adult social care.

In addition, significant funding reforms are proposed for adult social care and this exercise will form the base line data for these future reforms. The cost of care that will be no doubt be set out nationally (with small regional variations) with hotel costs being identified separately. All private paying services users will have the right to go through LA's for their care, beginning October 2023. Ensuring this base line data accurately reflects the true cost of providing care is essential to the future sustainability of the sector.

We also understand that the sector faces significant financial challenges right now and action is needed urgently to ensure the providers can continue to provide services over the coming months let alone years. Therefore, the BCA will be using the anonymised data and insights submitted to highlight locally the significant cost pressures faced by providers and ask the system (LA, NHS and ICS) for an in-year uplift. Last year the West Yorkshire ICS supported the sector with £12 million to fund the 4-month early implementation of the NLW uplift. We will once again be asking for the support of wider system partners to ensure there is no disruption to the provision of services in Bradford.

This really is a once in a lifetime opportunity for care providers to influence how social care is funded both now and in the future. We are urging all eligible care providers in Bradford to participate in the exercise. It is not too late to get involved **the deadline for care home submissions has been extended to 19th August** and home support providers can contact jorge@arcc-hr.co.uk to find out how to get involved. The BCA will be hosting a Q & A session on Wednesday 10th August 1-2pm for both Care Homes and Home Support Providers, walking you through the process step by step. [Zoom information below:](#)

Meeting ID: 993 772 1608

Passcode: Bradford20

 07801703200

We are here to support you.

 louise@bradfordcareassociation.org

Best Regards,



Louise Bestwick (CEO, Bradford Care Association)