

adult & community services

2009/10 ACS Care Purchasing Rates

1. Care Home declared rates 2009/10

Rate Per Week (£)	Current rate	New Base Rate	High Needs Supplement	SCC Price	FNC (Funded by the NHS)	Total Price
	£	£	£		£	£
Residential - Lower Rate	300	306		306		306
Residential - Standard Rate	355	362		362		362
Residential - Enhanced rate	380	362	25	387		387
Residential - Special Needs	495	362	140	502		502
Nursing - Standard Rate	380	362	25	387	106.30	493.30
Nursing - Special Needs	495	362	140	502	106.30	608.30

See annex one for definitions.

If a customer is assessed as moving between categories (e.g. moving from standard to enhanced rate) the increase in payment will be backdated to the date of the care needs assessment.

Services covered by existing block contracts will be increased by the rates identified in the contract documentation.

2. Services to People with complex needs (e.g Learning Disabilities Residential Care)

There are a number of client groups where care home services are currently paid at rates other than the declared rates. (e.g. people with Learning Disabilities). In order to standardise the approach:

Table 1 shows that the rate for standard care is increasing by £7 to £362 per week. Services currently paid above the new base rate will have their rate increased by £7 per week.

These principles also apply to block contracts for Learning Disabilities residential care which are funded from the Learning Disabilities pooled fund.

Entitlement to high needs supplement is detailed in appendix one.

Activity Signals to the Market

ACS will not place any new customers at the Residential Lower Rate
 ACS intends to place fewer new customers at the residential standard rate in
 2009/10 compared to 2008/9

3. Home Care Services

Time scale	Rate		
	Base rate	enhanced	hard to reach
Activity assumption	80% of activity	10% of activity	10% of activity
Rate	£	£	£
per hour	13.25	14.80	17.35
3/4 hour	9.94	11.10	13.01
half hour	6.63	7.40	8.68

Where services are provided under existing Block Contracts, the rates will be increased as specified in the contract documentation.

Activity Signal to the Market

During 2009/10 long term care activity will transfer from Homefirst to the independent sector.

4. Community Based Services (Day services)

The rate for community-based services will be increased by 2.1%

5. Very Sheltered Housing

The VSH scheme increase will be 2.1% on both the core and flexi rates.
 During 2009/10, ACS will explore the benefits of introducing a higher rate for complex cases to incentivise the increase in capacity in the VSH market.

6. Grant Funding

Grants to Social Care Providers funded through the single gateway will be increased by 2.1%.

7. Infrastructure Grant Payments

These grants are traditionally used to fund non purchased care activity within Voluntary sector organisations. Examples of the use of this grant include the overheads and administrative costs, and information and advice services.

Such grants are methodically being phased out as the service contracts are retendered. For 2009/10 such grants will be increased by 2.1%. Organisations experiencing costs increases above 2.1% will be required to fund them from their own efficiency savings.

8. Other Existing Contracts

Where there is an existing signed contract with a Provider covering 2009/10, which already contains an agreed inflation uplift, then this will be honoured subject to the agreed continuation of that contract.

9. Other Services

A 2.1% increase will be applied to all other services.

10. Out of county placements

Out of county placements will be made at the host authority rate.

11. Services funded through the Mental Health Pooled fund

The MH Pooled Fund covers day, employment, community support work, advocacy and Supported Housing. ACS, Suffolk PCT and Great Yarmouth and Waveney PCT fund the Pool. Expenditure from the pooled fund can only increase by up to the same level that partners agree to increase their contributions to the pool by.

Criteria for new pricing higher bands

1. Residential Standard Care (Suffolk)

CSCI define services in a Care Home as personal care, delivered in the care home setting, where the customer is a resident and where care is available 24 hours per day.

It includes:

- Accommodation
- Health and personal care
- Social activities associated with daily living
- Domestic provision including all meals and snacks, laundry and cleaning
- Sustaining the quality of life for individuals in a dignified manner

2. Residential Enhanced Rate (Suffolk)

To achieve this level of payment the following criteria need to have been met:

- the existing resident's care needs will have changed to necessitate a review by a social care Practitioner;
- The review identifies that the resident's care needs have increased, but can continue to be met within their existing placement, but that they have additional needs such that they can be safely met through the support of community nurses and,
- The resident's care needs are now of a level that requires a demonstrable additional level of staffing support over and above that which is reasonable to expect to be funded from the standard care rate.

3. Residential special needs (Suffolk)

This description is for an individual, usually an older person.

1. The person will have a diagnosis of dementia, other mental illness or similar condition that has been formally assessed by an appropriate clinician.
2. Additionally the person will exhibit behaviours that are not normally socially acceptable that may put themselves or others at unacceptable risk, some of these behaviours are;
 - An habitual need to leave their home and walk into the streets
 - Uninhibited / sexual behaviour
 - Display inappropriate repetitive behaviour

- Make repetitious and/or loud verbal noises for no reason that is distressing to others
- Have inappropriate toilet habits
- Inability to recognise and use appropriately daily living objects i.e. objects such as knives and forks.
- Have significant loss of physical function
- Will be challenging to staff while they are being assisted.

Because of these behaviours the person will require as appropriate;

- Regular assistance and attention to maintain a dignified appearance.
- Regular assistance throughout every day to maintain and monitor health.
- Regular assistance with all necessary mobility including transfers from bed to chair and chair to bed this could include hoisting
- Regular assistance with food preparation and eating
- Regular assistance with maintaining personal hygiene
- Regular and practical assistance throughout every day to maximise interest and engagement in daily living activities
- Regular assistance to maintain involvement in the wider community..
- Assistance to maintain communication skills and self determination and may require staff to be conversant in other communication methods i.e. signing

3. Nursing Standard Care (Suffolk)

Nursing Home care is defined as paragraph 1, with the additional requirement for nursing staff to be in attendance to meet the nursing needs of residents.

The definition of nursing needs is where a person's health is such that one or more of the following procedures is required periodically over twenty-four hours:

- administration of medication by injection;
- dressing to an open or closed wound;
- artificial feeding;
- intensive rehabilitation following surgery or a debilitating disease which is likely to continue for some time;
- management of complex prostheses or appliances

A widening of these criteria may be required to incorporate other nursing activities.

4. Nursing special needs (Suffolk)

The descriptions in paragraph 2 also apply to this category when they coincide with the requirement for standard nursing care (3).

5. FNC

Funded Nursing Care

This is a sum of money paid to the registered care home (nursing), when there is a requirement for standard nursing care.

Where a person who is living in a residential care home has deteriorating health and physical needs, and where the care home feels that additional funding and support from community nurses will help the person to remain in the care home a request for a FNC assessment can be made to support the care home, and the additional sum indicated in draft proposals care home rates will be paid by Suffolk County Council.