

## **Freedom of Information – Response – 27154**

*Q1) Please provide a copy of your 2026/27 fee uplift letter that was sent to care providers for the following service types. If you have not yet reported your fee uplift, please outline the Council's timeline for publication, including any internal dates where decisions related to the offer will be made.*

- A. Nursing (Excl. FNC)
- B. Nursing with Dementia (Excl. FNC)
- C. Residential (without nursing)
- D. Residential (without nursing) with Dementia
- E. Home care
- F. Day services

*Note: Please do not embed the document in your response. Please share the letter as an attachment.*

Please see attachment named: '2026-02-19 ASC Annual Price Review Outcome letter for 26-27 V2.pdf'.

Please note: Suffolk County Council do not have published rates for all categories listed, any rate that's not listed would be a one-off approved rate, for example Nursing with Dementia.

*Q2) Please confirm the date when the local authority agreed or made the decision to proceed with the fee uplift for care providers for the 2026/27 financial year, and who made the decision (for example, was the decision made by the full council, cabinet, cabinet member, officer under delegated authority, or the policy committee in a committee executive arrangement).*

Cabinet recommended the 2026/27 Revenue Budget and 2026-29 Capital Programme on 27 Jan 2026, with Full Council approval on 12 Feb 2026.

This set the ASC budget but the actual setting of care fees was provisionally discussed and agreed by ASC management team on the 21st January 2026 and then discussed with Suffolk Care Association on the 10th February pending the budget sign off by Full Council.

Please find these relevant links to the meeting documents:

Cabinet (27 Jan 2026), Meeting Documents -

[https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=\(27-01-2026\),%20The%20Cabinet](https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=(27-01-2026),%20The%20Cabinet)

Full Council (12 Feb 2026), Meeting Documents -

[https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=\(12-02-](https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=(12-02-)

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Q3) Please confirm the date this decision on the fee uplift for the 2026/27 financial year was officially communicated to providers.

Please see attachment named: '2026-02-19 ASC Annual Price Review Outcome letter for 26-27 V2.pdf'.

Q4) Please provide your 2026 to 2027 weekly base\* fee rates for the following care types:

G. Nursing (Excl. FNC)

H. Nursing with Dementia (Excl. FNC)

I. Residential (without nursing)

J. Residential (without nursing) with Dementia

\*Note: If you do not operate a base fee, please provide the fee schedule you use (i.e. a banding or range of fees, or guide prices). If no fee schedule is used, please provide the average fee proposed during this period for each care type.

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Q5) Please provide your average weekly fee rate (being the average weekly fee paid during the period 1st April 2025 to March 31st 2026) for the following care types:

A. Nursing (Excl. FNC)

B. Nursing with Dementia (Excl. FNC)

C. Residential (without nursing)

D. Residential (without nursing) with Dementia

Note: if you are unable to split Dementia from care without Dementia, please provide a blended Residential and a blended Nursing rate. This calculation should be the same as the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund reporting submitted in May 2023.

Service Type	Average Weekly Cost
A. Nursing (Excl. FNC)	£1,026.69
B. Nursing with Dementia (Excl. FNC)	£1,012.40
C. Residential (without nursing)	£1,125.91
D. Residential (without nursing) with Dementia	£958.13

Q6) Please provide your provisional average weekly fee rate (calculated consistently with the rate in the question above) for the period 2026-2027 for the following care types:

A. Nursing (Excl. FNC)

B. Nursing with Dementia (Excl. FNC)

- C. Residential (without nursing)
- D. Residential (without nursing) with Dementia

*Note: if you are unable to split Dementia from care without Dementia, please provide a blended Residential and a blended Nursing rate. This calculation should be the same as the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund reporting submitted in May 2023.*

<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Average Weekly Cost</b>
A. Nursing (Excl. FNC)	£1,178.09
B. Nursing with Dementia (Excl. FNC)	£1,165.33
C. Residential (without nursing)	£1,215.23
D. Residential (without nursing) with Dementia	£1,099.82

Q7) *Please confirm if your authority requires or provisions for care providers to pay care staff a rate higher than the National Living Wage, and when this policy was implemented.*  
 No, we do not require providers to pay more than the National Living Wage.

Q8) *For the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, please provide the number of individual residents, where their contracts for the provision of Older Person Services for both residential care and nursing care were either terminated by the care provider, handed back by the care provider, or were renegotiated due to the threat or notice of termination/handing back was made by the care provider. You should provide the number of residents this applies to and the number of care providers.*

For the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, we have no recorded cases where contracts for the provision of Older Person Services (residential or nursing care) were terminated, handed back, or renegotiated due to the threat or notice of termination.



Date: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

Care Provider

Dear Colleague,

**Updated: Outcome of Suffolk County Council's Annual Price Review for Adult Social Care – 2026/2027**

I am writing to confirm the outcome of Suffolk County Council's Annual Price Review for Adult Social Care (ASC) for the 2026/27 financial year.

The Council recognises and greatly appreciates the high-quality care and support delivered across Suffolk, particularly during a period of continued financial pressures for providers and the wider sector. In response to these challenges, the Council has approved an overall blended uplift of 3.53%. This reflects the increases required to meet the National Living Wage, as well as other inflationary pressures, including the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.5%.

From 6 April 2026, a 3.53% uplift will apply to all care types, except older people's residential and nursing care, which will receive a 2% uplift where rates already exceed our published rate (£912 per week). A full schedule of updated rates is provided in Appendix A below.

Please note that the above uplift applies only to Suffolk care providers, and those out of county providers who have full accreditation with Suffolk County Council. For out of county placements, Suffolk County Council agree to honour the annual percentage uplift of the host council. We require proof of the increase set for 2026/27, which must be sent by email to [asccaremarkethub@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:asccaremarkethub@suffolk.gov.uk) before the end of the financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March 2027). Once we have received this, we will apply the uplift from the appropriate date. Requests for uplifts received outside of the applicable financial year cannot be backdated.

The Council acknowledges that further work is required to ensure a sustainable and resilient care market. Alongside the fee uplift, we remain committed to supporting providers through a range of initiatives focused on:

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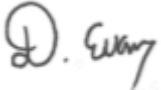
[www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

- workforce support, recruitment and development
- quality improvement and provider support
- digital and technology support

We will continue to work collaboratively with providers to address shared challenges and pursue opportunities that strengthen the delivery of high-quality care for Suffolk residents.

If you have any concerns relating specifically to your organisation, please contact the Care Market Hub in the first instance at [ASCCareMarketHub@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:ASCCareMarketHub@suffolk.gov.uk) or on 01473 264 025.

Yours sincerely,



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Adult Social Care

**Appendix A – Updated Table of Pricing Increases for Financial Year 2026/27**

<b>Suffolk County Council Uplift for 2026-2027</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>Uplift</b>	<b>2026/27</b>
<b>Residential and Nursing Published Rate</b>				
Residential Rate	Weekly	£912.00	3.53%	£944.00
Nursing Rate (ex. FNC)	Weekly	£912.00	3.53%	£944.00
<b>Residential and Nursing Other Rates</b>				
Learning Disability and Mental Health	Weekly	various	3.53%	various
Older People above £912pw	Weekly	various	2.00%	various
<b>Home Care - Locality Framework</b>				
Level 1	Hourly (pro-rata)	£26.28	3.53%	£27.21
Level 2	Hourly (pro-rata)	£26.97	3.53%	£27.92
Level 3	Hourly (pro-rata)	£27.41	3.53%	£28.38
Level 4	Hourly (pro-rata)	£29.57	3.53%	£30.61
Level 5	Hourly (pro-rata)	£34.81	3.53%	£36.04
Live-in Lower Dependency	Weekly	£1,151.22	3.53%	£1,191.86
Live-in Higher Dependency	Weekly	£1,205.61	3.53%	£1,248.17
Sleeping Night	Hourly (pro-rata)	£15.35	3.53%	£15.89
Waking Night	Hourly (pro-rata)	£24.30	3.53%	£25.16
<b>Home Care - SPOT</b>				
Standard	Hourly (pro-rata)	£25.02	3.53%	£25.90
Hard to Reach	Hourly (pro-rata)	£32.81	3.53%	£33.97
Sleeping Night	Hourly (pro-rata)	£13.03	3.53%	£13.49
Waking Night	Hourly (pro-rata)	£24.30	3.53%	£25.16
Live-in Lower Dependency	Weekly	£1,151.22	3.53%	£1,191.86
Live-in Higher Dependency	Weekly	£1,205.61	3.53%	£1,248.17
<b>Other</b>				
Supported Housing		various	3.53%	various
Extra Care Housing (hourly support & wellbeing)		various	3.53%	various
Day Services		various	3.53%	various
Individual Service Funds (ISFs)		various	3.53%	various
Direct Payments (DPs)		various	subject to review	various
Housing Related Support		various	3.53%	various