

Freedom of Information – Response – 27251

This request seeks to collect data for individuals living in Supported Living and Residential Care settings with Learning Disabilities, including those with Learning Disabilities and Autism. We are not asking for information related to those with only Autism who do not have a Learning Disability, unless you are unable to separate the data. If this is the case, please make this clear in your response.

LD Supported Living:

1. Please complete the following table with the information requested for the last full week of April 2026 (w/c 20th April)

Category	Total Hours for the week	Mean hourly rate paid	Median hourly rate paid	Lowest hourly rate paid	Highest hourly rate paid
Hours provided during the day	43,531	£23.23	£22.82	£7.12	£30.03
Wake hours provided during the night	6,826	£21.61	£22.82	£2.50	£31.16
Sleep-ins provided	7,804	£11.95	£11.94	£2.30	£18.03

Residential LD Care:

2. Please complete the following table with the information requested for the last full week of April 2026

Category	Mean rate paid	Median rate paid	Lowest rate paid	Highest rate paid
Placements	£1,882 pw	£1,585 pw	£694 pw	£8,417 pw

Current total placements today	239
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Nursing LD Care

3. Please complete the following table with the information requested for the last full week of April 2026

Category	Mean rate paid	Median rate paid	Lowest rate paid	Highest rate paid
Placements	£1,301 pw	£1,224 pw	£944 pw	£1,836 pw
Current total placements today	16			

4. Please provide the annual fee uplift for the current financial period. If you have paid a bespoke uplift to different care providers or residents, please provide the average % uplift paid to providers in the period stated:

(Supported Living)

Year	Percentage uplift	Number of Providers receiving this uplift	Number of Individuals receiving this uplift
2026-27	3.53%	244	654

(Residential Care)

Year	Percentage uplift	Number of Providers receiving this uplift	Number of Individuals receiving this uplift
2026-27	3.53%	67	108

(Residential Care with Nursing)

Year	Percentage uplift	Number of Providers receiving this uplift	Number of Individuals receiving this uplift
2026-27	3.53%	82	14

Please note: the number of individuals receiving this uplift should be regarded as an approximate figure and not a definitive count.

5. For the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, please provide the number of individual residents, where their contracts for the provision of LD services for both residential care or supported living 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, there were 18 individual residents whose contracts for the provision of learning disability services (either residential care or supported living) were affected in one or more of the following ways:

- terminated by the care provider,
- handed back by the care provider, or
- renegotiated due to the threat or notice of termination or hand-back by the care provider.

These cases involved a total of 5 care providers.

6. Please provide a copy of your 2026 to 2027 fee uplift letter that was sent to care providers for supported living, residential and nursing services for learning disabilities. 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. Please see attachment named: '2026-02-19 ASC Annual Price Review Outcome letter for 26-27 V2.pdf'.

Date: 19th 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 before the end of the financial year (31st 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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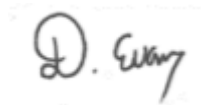
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- workforce support, recruitment and development
- quality improvement and provider support
- digital and technology support

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 or on 01473 264 025.

Yours sincerely,



Dale Evans
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Adult Social Care

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

Suffolk County Council Uplift for 2026-2027				
Type	Unit	2025/26	Uplift	2026/27
Residential and Nursing Published Rate				
Residential Rate	Weekly	£912.00	3.53%	£944.00
Nursing Rate (ex. FNC)	Weekly	£912.00	3.53%	£944.00
Residential and Nursing Other Rates				
Learning Disability and Mental Health	Weekly	various	3.53%	various
Older People above £912pw	Weekly	various	2.00%	various
Home Care - Locality Framework				
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
Home Care - SPOT				
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
Other				
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