

**Oxfordshire County Council
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Adult Social Care Provider

**Karen Fuller
Interim Director of Adults and
Housing Services**

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Dear Provider,

Fee Uplift for 2023/2024 – provider consultation

The services that contracted providers deliver within Oxfordshire play an important role in helping to meet the needs of vulnerable adults and supporting the social care and health economies in the county. The Care Act (2014) places a duty on local authorities to promote the efficient and effective operation of the market for adult care and support as a whole and to ensure that there is sufficient capacity within the social care market to meet its current and future commissioning requirements.

Consultation

We are now undertaking an annual review of prices paid to our contracted care providers and we want your view on what should be included in our decision making.

I'd like to take this opportunity thank all the providers who took part in the cost of care exercise we undertook in the summer. We will engage separately on the outcome of the process, and you will receive an invite to help co-produce the refreshed Market Position Statement 2023-2024. This which will focus on the principles of The Oxfordshire Way and how people can live well in their communities.

This letter commences the consultation which will remain open until **14 February**.

In setting our rate for 2023/24 we will be looking at:

- Information from ADASS and LGA
- The announced increase in the National Living Wage,
- Inflationary pressures indices,
- The removal [of the Health and Social Care NI Levy](#),
- The affordability of any proposal, and
- Our current ceiling rates and review processes which can be found [here](#).

Consultation

We would like you to give us your views before a final decision is made. We specifically want to know your feedback on:

- The indicators of how your costs will have increased between April 2022 and April 2023
- The use of ceiling rates and their set level
- The uplift process used in 2022/23
- Any extraordinary costs affecting your business
- Any other comments

To take part in the consultation please complete our [Let's Talk survey](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/proposed-fee-uplifts-2023-24) (url: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/proposed-fee-uplifts-2023-24>)

Once the consultation has closed, we will analyse responses received together with other considerations including sustainability and value for money. We will use this as the basis to determine the final uplift and ceiling prices for 2023/24 and we will write to you with the outcome.

If you have any specific questions please use the comments section which will be monitored throughout the process.

Yours sincerely



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