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Dear Provider

Ref: ICB 2023/24 Inflationary Uplifts

This letter is issued by NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit, on behalf of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB) (the 'Commissioner), to (the 'Provider').

Along with every other area in the country the ICB is required by NHS England to put together a plan as to how we will improve the quality of health and social care tailored around our local population to become clinically and financially sustainable.

The ICB acknowledge the challenges faced by Providers specifically relating to the increase in the National Living Wage (NLW) and the impact this may have and as a result have undertaken an extensive financial modelling exercise to determine and explore a range of options to establish a fair and equitable approach to inflation that will support Providers but also ensure that the ICB financial controls are met. The ICB has also engaged with our Local Authority (LA) partners to align approaches where possible.

To ensure a fair and equitable approach to the application of inflationary uplifts, the ICB has agreed the following:

- 1) An inflationary uplift of 4% to all NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Care Home placements with Nursing back dated to 01 April 2023, this will include any placements that are not currently on a tier.
- 2) The ICB will move away from the tiered pricing framework for all **new** placements with effect from **05 June 2023** and will move to the following, please note this will also be applicable for any placements reviewed in year:
 - a) A weekly core bed rate of £1,095.12 which will be the standard rate for all CHC funded placements, this is the current Tier 0 bed rate plus 4% inflation. Data from the Fair Cost of Care Exercise (FCoC) led by LAs and benchmarking data from the ICB statistical peers in the region has also been considered when determining this figure.

You will notice in the Adamsystem from 01 June 2023 that Providers will be unable to add a weekly value above the core rate specified above.

- b) Where it has been clinically justified that 1:1 care is required to meet an assessed need, 1:1 cost should be calculated on an individual basis. From **05 June 2023** the ICB will only fund 1:1 care for a maximum of 20 hours per day at a maximum of £20.00 per hour, this is on the basis that 4 hours is included in the weekly core bed rate (detailed above) for standard levels of personal care that an individual could expect.

From the 01 June 2023 there will be a separate line on the Adamsystem for Providers to enter the number of 1:1 hours required to support the patient, Providers will be unable to enter a number higher than 20 hours per day and the cost will be automatically calculated based on the £20.00 agreed rate. Please also note, that Providers will be required to share robust evidence to support any 1:1 needs and should have considered alternative least restrictive options such as equipment.

- c) It is recognised that in some cases, not all needs for a patient can be met within the weekly core bed rate even with the addition of 1:1 care for example, patients who require tracheotomy care or suctioning. In these cases, Providers will be required to detail these additional tasks and provide a breakdown of hours and cost in the new **enhanced rate** line on the Adamsystem. Providers will need to ensure that all fields are complete to place an offer of care.

The ICB is committed to working with Providers and wishes to strengthen relationships and collaboration to support the local health economy whilst maintaining safe and quality levels of patient care.

Yours sincerely,