

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE.....25 February 1997

REVIEW OF RATES OF PAYMENT FOR PLACES IN INDEPENDENT  
RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES AND NURSING HOMES FROM 7 APRIL 1997

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

**ABSTRACT**

This report proposes revised rates of payment for placements in residential care homes and nursing homes within the independent sector, following consultation with the voluntary and independent sector providers.

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee :

approves the rates proposed in this report.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

As the implementation of Community Care has progressed, meaningful partnerships have been developed with the private and voluntary providers of residential and nursing home care.

It is generally acknowledged that people entering residential and nursing home care have higher levels of care needs than in previous years, and this has been recognised in the proposed rates of payments.

**3 PROPOSAL**

Following consultation with the independent sector providers, it is proposed to adopt the rates listed below

The proposed weekly rates are :

### RESIDENTIAL HOMES

<u>Client Category</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed rate for placements before 7 April 1997</u>	<u>Proposed rate for placements after 7 April 1997</u>
Older People	£203	£208	£245
Very Dependent Older People	£234	£240	£245
Mental Illness	£214	£220	£225
Physical Disability	£276	£285	£290
Learning Disability	£244	£250	£255

### NURSING HOMES

<u>Client Category</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed rate for placements before 7 April 1997</u>	<u>Proposed rate for placements after 7 April 1997</u>
Older People	£303	£311	£316
Mental Illness	£304	£312	£317
Physical Disability	£341	£352	£357
Learning Disability	£310	£318	£323

The rates proposed for placements before 7 April 1997 are in line with the transitional protection rates announced by the Department of Social Security. However, in order to address issues of increased dependency, it is proposed that all placements of older people will be at the rate identified as being applicable to very dependent older people. This will reflect the appropriate levels of need for the individuals currently being placed in residential care.

For all placements on or after 7 April 1997, it is proposed to enhance the transitional protection rates announced by the Department of Social Security by £5.00 per week, in recognition of the need to address issues of staff retention in the independent sector.

In addition to the rates proposed above, it is proposed to maintain premium payments at their current levels, viz.:

<i>En suite facilities</i>	£10.00 per place per week
Small group living	£20.00 per place per week.

The Social Work Department is committed to improving the quality of care provided in all sectors, and it is therefore, further proposed that assistance with staff training be offered to the independent sector

providers. The nature of the assistance offered will vary from provider to provider, depending on the outcome of training needs analysis.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising from the adoption of these rates, since allowance has already been made within the 1997/98 Revenue Budget for them.

**5 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the providers of independent sector providers have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**6 CONCLUSION**

The adoption of these rates will allow the Social Work Department to continue to develop a working partnership with the independent sector providers.

10 February 1997

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**NOTE**

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

