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Dear Provider,

Re: 2022/23 Care Home Fee Interim Settlement from 01/04/2022

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the Care fee setting process for 2022/23, the current challenges and show our commitment to the care sector within the challenging circumstances we are all face.

As a Health Board (HB), we understand how challenging the current economic climate is for all our external providers and partners who provide healthcare on behalf of the HB. The HBs fee setting is closely linked to the regional fees methodology, which has been subject to delays in agreement and publication across all Local Authorities. Therefore, the HB have been unable to determine a full settlement for 2022/23 fees at this stage.

The HB also has to take into account the uplift nationally agreed for Funded Nursing Care (FNC) in its fee setting methodology, this fee is linked to the NHS pay award, which is not likely to be announced until July at the earliest. As a result, the fee-setting process within the HB is unlikely to be completed until September 2022 at the earliest. Therefore, an interim settlement for Providers has been proposed to the Board and agreed at a meeting this afternoon.

BCUHB, the Executive Team and Board Members are acutely aware that not addressing the 2022/23 fees before September 2022 will potentially have a significant impact on the sustainability of the market within North Wales. Within this context, this interim settlement is to be actioned with immediate effect.

Using the 2022/23 rates from LAs and applying previous years methodology (inclusive the real living wage uplift in 2022/23) there will be two fee rates across North Wales for General Nursing and EMI Nursing. The interim proposal is to uplift the rates to around 75% of the projected uplift based on information from LAs:

Rate	BCU HB Estimated Rate 2022/23 (est. 75%)	Average % Increase across 6 LAs
Nursing Rate - General	987.00	6.21%
Nursing Rate - EMI	1,043.00	7.16%



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These rates will apply to packages of care from 01/04/2022, therefore please use these rates for all appropriate invoices for care provided from 01/04/2022.

Next Steps

BCUHB will continue work on the full fee-setting process as outlined above and will communicate updates with providers as timely as possible, this will include updates with regards to external factors that impact the fee-setting process. Any further settlement when agreed will be back-dated to 01/04/2022.

Thanks for your continued partnership in the care provided to residents across North Wales.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Hill".

Sue Hill
Executive Director of Finance