

2023 to 2024 Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF): information to be reported by each local authority

Target Area: Increasing fee rates to adult social care providers

This fee rate collection gives us better and more timely insight into the fee rates paid to external care providers. This data was collected through the Fair Cost of Care process and in 2021 to 2022 and earlier, through the Better Care Team/BCF. It builds on the provisional fee rate data for 2023 to 2024 provided in the MSIF initial report. Local authorities are reminded that, as with previous years, fee rate data provided to the department will be published.

Instructions/guidance:

To allow for the calculation of % uplifts, the final 2022 to 2023 fee rate and provisional 2023 to 2024 fee rate previously reported by the local authority are auto-populated in the table below. This information has already been published at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/market-sustainability-and-improvement-fund-2023-to-2024-care-provider-fees>

These questions cover actual average (mean) fees paid by your local authority (gross of client contributions/user charges) to external care providers for your local authority's eligible clients.

Specifically the averages should:

- EXCLUDE any fee rates paid to internal care providers
- EXCLUDE any care packages which are part funded by Continuing Health Care funding
- EXCLUDE/BE NET OF any amounts that you usually include in reported fee rates but are not paid to care providers, for example your local authority's own staff costs in managing the commissioning of places
- EXCLUDE/BE NET OF any amounts that are paid from sources other than eligible local authority funding and client contributions/user charges, i.e. you should exclude third party top-ups, **NHS Funded Nursing Care** and full cost paying clients
- INCLUDE/BE GROSS OF client contributions/user charges
- INCLUDE fees paid under spot and block contracts, fees paid under a dynamic purchasing system, payments for time travel in home care, any allowances for external provider staff training, fees directly commissioned by your local authority and fees commissioned by your local authority as part of a Managed Personal Budget

Please leave any missing data cells as blank. For example, do not attempt to enter '0' or 'N/A'.

(1) Please report your average external fee rate for the following service types.

Description	Final average 2022 to 2023 fee rate as reported in initial return	Provisional 2023 to 2024 fee rate as reported in initial return	Final average fee rate for 2023 to 2024. If you have newer, better data for 2023 to 2024 than the previous column then enter it below and explain why it differs in the comments. Otherwise enter the provisional 2023 to 2024 figure from the previous column.	Implied percentage uplift: 2023 to 2024 rates compared to 2022 to 2023 rates
Average amount paid to external providers for 18+ home care (£ per contact hour)	£18.93	£20.58	£20.16	6.4%
Average amount paid to external provider care homes without nursing for clients aged 65+ (£ per client per week)	£572.23	£622.24	£733.89	28.3%
Average amount paid to external provider care homes with nursing for clients aged 65+ (£ per client per week)	£842.92	£916.59	£906.57	-4.3%
Average amount paid to external provider care homes without nursing for clients aged 18-64 (£ per client per week)	£786.18	£827.59	£1,875.54	138.0%
Average amount paid to external provider care homes with nursing for clients aged 18-64 (£ per client per week)	£1,538.63	£1,636.56	£688.42	-55.8%
Average amount paid to external provider supported living for clients aged 18+ (£ per blended hour, reflecting core and additional hours*)	£16.64	£17.47	£17.58	5.6%

**Blended denotes weighted average between core and additional hours.

(2) Please provide additional commentary if any of the figures provided in column D are different from those reported in the relevant cell in column C for your 2023 to 2024 fee rates (Maximum 500 characters).

**Please be aware tha the submission for 22/23 data contained an error whereby the 'with nursing' and 'without nursing' rows had switched figures in. Therefore it looks like there is a stark difference in this years 'without nursing' and a stark drop in 'with nursing'. We have run the appropriate restrospective data reports to check and double check and are happy with the updated amounts. Should we need to resubmit 22/23 info please do let me know.

**Please also be aware as these fee rates are the average, included all package types there is the inclusion of lower and higher rates due to varying needs.

(3) Please detail any other fee uplifts not described by the categories above. If possible, please provide the same information for these other fee uplifts as asked for in columns B and D of the table above. Alternatively, local authorities may wish to provide a link to their published 'rate card' (Maximum 1,000 characters).