

2024 to 2025 fee rate reporting

This fee rate collection gives us better and more timely insight into the fee rates paid to external providers. Fee rate data was collected through the MSIF Initial Returns in 2023 to 2024, the Fair Cost of Care process in 2022 to 2023 and the Better Care Fund in earlier years. Local authorities are reminded that as with previous years, fee rate data provided to the department will be published.

Instructions/guidance:

The final 2023 to 2024 average fee rate for each service type will be auto-populated in the table below from the data entered in the 2023 to 2024 Final Report section of this template. We therefore recommend that you complete the 2023 to 2024 Final Report section first before filling out the table below.

These questions cover actual average (mean) fee rates 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 health 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 or 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 travel time 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 blank. Do not attempt to enter 0 or 'N/A'.

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

Description	Final 2023 to 2024 average fee rate (as entered in the 2023 to 2024 section of this template)	Provisional* average fee rate for 2024 to 2025, calculated consistently with the 2023 to 2024 rate in the previous column	Implied percentage uplift: 2024 to 2025 rates compared to 2023 to 2024 rates
Average amount paid to external providers for 18+ home care (£ per contact hour)	£20.15	£21.34	5.9%
Average amount paid to external provider care homes without nursing for clients aged 66+ (£ per client per week)	£733.89	£798.99	8.9%
Average amount paid to external provider care homes with nursing for clients aged 65+ (£ per client per week)	£926.57	£878.11	8.9%
Average amount paid to external provider care homes without nursing for clients aged 18-64 (£ per client per week)	£1,875.54	£2,043.90	8.9%
Average amount paid to external provider care homes with nursing for clients aged 18-64 (£ per client per week)	£688.42	£749.48	8.9%
Average amount paid to external provider supported living for clients aged 18+ (£ per blended hour, reflecting core and additional hours**)	£17.58	£19.14	8.9%

\*We define 'provisional' as follows: Councils should report a fee rate that best reflects the actual average fee rate (including uplifts) that they expect for the 2024 to 2025 financial year.

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

(2) 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 C of the table above. Alternatively, local authorities may wish to provide a link to their published 'rate card' (Maximum 1,000 characters).

This has been completed as a increase of 8.87% (uplift applied) on the 2023/24 averages