

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT CARE** held on 19 April 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor J Wharmby (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors C Dale and W Major

18/18 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

19/18 **REVIEW OF DIRECT CARE- REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL RATES FOR SELF FUNDERS IN COMMUNITY CARE CENTRES** Approval was sought for an increase in the weekly rate charged to Self-Funders at the Community Care Centres.

Currently self-funding residents in Community Care Centres (CCCs) were charged the same amount as those in Homes for Older People (HOPs) i.e. £532.60 per week. However, the staffing levels were significantly higher in CCCs with, on average an additional 24 hours of care staff and 0.5fte Deputy Unit Manager per establishment per week, which increased the weekly cost to £986.44 per week.

When the CCCs were first opened it was decided to charge clients at the same rate as those in HOPs so as not to restrict their choice of placement. However, due to increasing budget pressures, and a budget savings target of £21.346m over the next four financial years, it was no longer feasible to subsidise self-funding clients in CCCs and so it was proposed that the full cost of these placements should be passed on to these residents. As this would mean an 85.2% increase in the fee it was intended to phase the change in as follows:

“Preserved rights”, with the weekly rate being permanently pinned to the standard bed rate, would be retained for the following self-funding clients:-

- Current Residents
- Clients currently in the process of moving to, or considering moving to, a CCC (this will be restricted to a period from 19 April 2018 to 31 July 2018)
 - Current respite clients i.e. clients who have had respite in a CCC in the last 12 months
- Respite clients that subsequently move in as permanent residents

- Current non-self-funding clients who subsequently become self-funders

The full rate would apply to the following self-funding clients:-

- All new permanent residents from 1 August 2018
- All new respite clients from 1 August 2018
- All new residents who were admitted after 1 August 2018 as non-self-funders who subsequently become self-funders

These charges would be uplifted in future years based on the agreed uplift to Independent Sector Older People's Residential rates.

There were currently 33 self-funding clients in CCCs. As a result of the subsidy currently paid, this cost the Council £0.774m per year. The gross cost of the placements was £1.697m and the self-funders currently paid a total of £0.923m towards this total.

It was difficult to accurately assess the level of self-funders after the increase in charges, but if there was a 50% retention of self-funders, as a result of the increased charge, then the increase in income would be £0.387m p.a.

RESOLVED that approval be given to increasing the rates for self-funders at Community Care Centres to the full cost rate, with preserved rights for all current and transitional clients

20/18 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Adult Care held on 20 March 2018

21/18 **EXEMPT MINUTES RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.