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Dear Mr Green

I write in response to your letter of 11th April 2014, received by email, to the Group Director of Children, Adults and Housing regarding planned fee increases to learning disabilities providers for the year beginning April 2014. My apologies for the long delay in responding on behalf of the Group Director.

I have noted the contents of your letter, and acknowledge the challenging position for providers at the present time. I must advise that our benchmarking information suggests that Havering Council pays providers who work with people with learning disabilities very competitively.

We are currently considering the Council's position for 2014/15 and all providers will be contacted directly in due course regarding the Council position. Despite the difficult financial position the Council finds itself in 2014/15 and over the next 4 financial years, we are cognisant of pressures also faced by providers, so are making every effort to ensure that fee levels for providers (across all client groups) are appropriate and reasonable..

Thank you again for your contact to us

Yours sincerely

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