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Dear Martin

Hertfordshire Learning Disability services

Thank you for your letter dated 12th February 2014.

I am writing to confirm that no automatic inflationary uplifts have been agreed for learning disability services for 2014/15. In Hertfordshire, all of our learning disability contracts are spot purchased at variable rates and people use their personal budgets to buy the care and support. Fees for individualised care packages (including changes after care reviews) are agreed via our Best Value Team, who check value for money, but also financial sustainability of providers.

In instances where a provider writes to seek an increase in fees, we ask that they adopt an open book approach, and our commissioners work with them to ensure fees are set at the right levels. I have written to all providers advising them of this approach in Hertfordshire for 2014/15 and have negotiated this with Hertfordshire Care Provider's Association.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. MacBeath".

Iain MacBeath
Director of Health and Community Services