

Hi Fraser,

Thank you for your time on the phone yesterday.

As discussed please note below:

Q1 - LBS does not have minimum or maximum fees for people over the age of 65 in nursing or residential care. The fees quoted are market rates as at 2022/23. From the last comprehensive analysis of care home placements dated 22/01/21 there were 62 people in residential and 112 in nursing homes (LBS does not currently disaggregate dementia beds).

Q2 - Please see extract from LBS fee uplift letter dated March 2022:

The London Borough of Sutton (LBS) will be awarding an inflationary fee uplift across all nursing and residential care home services of 3.76% for 2022/23 effective from 1st April 2022. I would like to thank you for the continued support and care you have been providing to Sutton's most vulnerable residents over the last two very challenging years.

From 1st April 2022 the following market rates for older people nursing and residential care home beds will be used for the future spot purchasing of new placements:

| Primary Support Reason | 2021/22 rate | Increase % | Increase £ | 2022/23 rate |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Dementia, physical frailty, EoLC (65+) residential | 650.00 | 3.76 | 24.44 | 674.44 |
| Dementia, physical frailty, EoLC (65+) nursing (excluding FNC) | 719.08 | 3.76 | 27.04 | 746.12 |

Q3 - LBS does not operate banded/tier rates for people over the age of 65 in nursing or residential care.

Q4 - The following clause is included in the LBS care home spot purchase contract:

The Approved Provider shall pay its staff at least the minimum wage in line with relevant Law and comply with all relevant employment legislation including ensuring access to employee representation.

Q5 - LBS does not currently provide information relating to care home fees on its website.

I hope the above clarifies your outstanding queries. Please contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Kind regards,

Steve