



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 5

4th June 2026

Report by Cllr Chris Cunningham, Convener for Health, Care & Caring and Older People

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NATIONAL CARE HOME CONTRACT INCREASE 2026/27

Purpose of Report:

To update City Administration Committee on the increase to the National Care Home Contract (NCHC) fee rates for 2026/27 and the proposed increases on our other commissioned services.

Recommendations:

The City Administration Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report;
- b) Agree the rates from 6th April 2026 and apply the NCHC uplift to commissioned services attached at Appendix 1;
- c) Instruct the council to vary the contracts with Providers in line with the conditions at 4.3;
- d) Note that on conclusion of the Best Value reviews for Specialist Services, updates to rates will be applied at the date each review is completed and approved; and
- e) Note that a further update may be required to meet the Agenda for Change inflation commitment.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the City Administration Committee on the increase to the National Care Home Contract (NCHC) fee rates for 2026/27 and the proposed increases on our other commissioned care home services.

2. Background

- 2.1 The NCHC fee rates for 2026/27 have been agreed with the terms of the settlement taking effect from 6th April 2026. The settlement sets out the expectations in relation to the payment of the Adult Social Care Pay rate by Providers.

3. Implications of 2026/27 Fee Uplift

- 3.1 The rates attached at Appendix 1 are applicable from 6th April 2026 in line with Scottish Government notification to Local Authorities dated 13th April 2026 (Appendix 2). A rate of 5.145% has been applied to nursing care and a rate of 5.496% for residential care. These uplift rates will be applied to both the NCHC and the other commissioned care home services which are included at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The cost of the uplift amounts to £6.342m for 2026/27. Full provision has been made within the 2026/27 IJB budget approved in March 2026.
- 3.3 Commissioning colleagues are currently undertaking Best Value reviews on those Specialist Services detailed in Appendix 1. On conclusion, each Provider will be notified of the outcome with rate updates taking place from the date each review is completed and approved.

4. Adult Social Care Pay

- 4.1 This arrangement requires all Providers to pay all workers providing direct care, regardless of age, experience or time in employment, a minimum of £13.45 per hour. This is in line with the commitment to the Adult Social Care Pay policy which has been agreed between Scottish Government and COSLA.
- 4.2 In addition, the rates set out at 4.1 have benchmarked domestic and catering support staff to the National Minimum Wage, this is £12.71.
- 4.3 On this basis the National Care Home Contract will be varied to ensure:
- All direct adult social care workers are paid a minimum of £13.45;
 - Providers agree that remuneration can be periodically monitored by the commissioning authority, including direct verification with employees of the Provider;
 - There will be no displacement of any other costs onto staff by the employer.

5. Agenda for change

- 5.1 This NCHC fee rate includes an uplift of 3.75% within the nursing element to reflect the Agenda for Change agreements for NHS nursing staff. This uplift comes with a commitment to guarantee that if the Consumer Price Increase from January to December 2026 is greater than 3.75%, this increase will be adjusted upwards appropriately. Any further update to rates will be the subject of a future report.

6. Funding

- 6.1 The NCHC uplift will cost £6.342m and provision has been made to fund this within the IJB's budget for 2026/27.

7. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	The cost of the uplift amounts to approximately £6.342m annually. Provision has been made to fund this within IJB budgets for 2026/27.
<i>Legal:</i>	Contract will be varied to reflect provider compliance with the conditions set out in the fee rate letter at 4.3.
<i>Personnel:</i>	None
<i>Procurement:</i>	None
Council Strategic Plan:	Grand Challenge 1 - Reduce poverty and inequality in our communities. Mission 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify.</i>	Yes
<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	No significant impact

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: No

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal? None

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target? No

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report No

7. Recommendations

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Appendix 1**2026/27 - RATES**

	2025/26	2026/27
National Contract rate	£1,021.57	£1,074.13
National Contract rate for dual room	£932.57	£1,049.13
Below the National Contract - Default rate	£886.90	£994.86
<i>NCHC Residential Care for Older People</i>		
National Contract rate	£881.98	£930.45
National Contract rate for dual room	£800.94	£905.45
Below the National Contract - Default rate	£806.31	£850.62
<i>Historical Commissioned Services</i>		
Enhanced Residential Care	£928.10	£979.11
Enable (Leading the Way) - Bankhall, Southside Dementia Service, Crannog LD and Crannog OP units	£1,319.55	£1,392.07
Craigbank Care Home (Residential)	£1,284.82	£1,355.43
Craigbank Care Home (Nursing)	£1,515.45	£1,593.42
Enable (Leading the Way) - Annandale	£1,470.21	£1,551.01
Enable (Leading the Way) - Crannog (ARBD)	£1,354.70	£1,429.15
<i>Commissioned Services</i>		
Richmond Fellowship - Waterloo Close	£5,289.74	£5,580.46
Riddrie Knowes	£1,341.87	£1,410.91
The Oaks	£1,919.16	£2,017.90
The Oaks	£2,066.53	£2,172.85
Greenfield Park – Westerfield Unit	£1,745.35	£1,835.15
<i>Specialist Services</i>		
Greenfield Park – Aberfoyle Unit	£1,745.35	£1,835.15
Eastfield - Nursing	£3,934.52	£4,136.95
Eastfield - Residential	£2,904.56	£3,064.19
Darnley Court SDSS	£2,140.08	£2,250.19
Silverburn Complex Nursing Unit	£3,118.00	£3,278.42
Applecross (YPD)	£1,703.91	£1,791.58
<i>Block Funded Discharge to Assess</i>		
Lanam - McQueen Unit	£2,132.34	£2,242.05