

**EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR ADULT CARE, HEALTH  
AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**Residential and Nursing Care Fee Levels within Adult Social Care  
Decision Date: 22 February 2018**

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**Comments from the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee**

The Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee considered the report on 14 February 2018 and agreed to support the five recommendations to the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services on Residential and Nursing Care Fee Levels within Adult Social Care.

The Committee recorded its gratitude for the work undertaken in the preparation of the proposed level of fees, including the required detailed calculations to support the proposals. The Committee also welcomed the extent of the engagement of residential and nursing care providers in the consultation, in particular the Lincolnshire Care Association (LinCA), who was represented at the meeting by their Chair.

Prior to the Committee reaching its conclusion, particular consideration was given to the impact of nursing costs on providers. The Committee was advised by the Chair of LinCA that the current position was not sustainable in the long term for many providers, and some providers had already deregistered nursing care beds, rather than cover the shortfall in their costs. The shortage of nurses in Lincolnshire and the high costs of agency nurses were also cited. Alternative solutions are being explored with clinical commissioning groups and other health colleagues. An example is considering how nursing provision could be delivered in order to meet the requirement of an 'available' nurse, a term which is not defined by the Care Quality Commission. The Committee was advised that the executive nurses in clinical commissioning groups hold the legal responsibility for nursing provision and NHS funded nursing care is an addition to the Council-paid fees.

The Committee agreed to request that the Health and Wellbeing Board consider how clinical commissioning groups could be engaged on developing available nursing provision. The Health Scrutiny Committee would also be advised of the Committee's consideration of this topic.