

Fees paid for adult social care services

Fees 2026-27

April 2026

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- 1.1 The rates paid to commissioned framework provision are reviewed annually and agreed through the council's budget setting process, which usually takes place at the end of February, or beginning of March.
- 1.2 The annual review considers the annual increases faced by employers such as national living wage rises, increases to national insurance and contributions to pensions. The annual review also considers the cost-of-living increases, and we review the Consumer Price Index with Housing related costs (CPIH). We consult with providers ahead of the fees being set for the forthcoming financial year.

2 Fee rates for 2025-26

Service Type	Proposed 2026/27 rates
Standard Residential Care	£764.40
Enhanced Residential Care	£811.20
Standard Nursing Care	£863.20
Enhanced Nursing Care	£899.60
Care at Home (included where paid through a DP)	£25.00
Extra Care Housing	£22.34
Supported Living non-complex support p/hour	£22.34
Supported Living complex p/hour	£24.60
Supported Living Sleep ins p/night	£104.00
PA's	£13.10
Shared Lives – Band 4	£458.71
Shared Lives – Band 3	£369.63
Shared Lives – Band 2	£298.71
Shared Lives – Band 1	£227.23

2.1 Residential and Nursing Enhanced Rate

- 2.1.1 Enhanced' rates were introduced in 2023-24. There are set criteria for what qualifies as an 'enhanced' rate, this is not about a particular condition (e.g. dementia) or determined by where the care is delivered (e.g. where the resident resides within the care provision), but about the needs of the individual. The rate will be applied as part of a placement or a review and there is a process for appealing if a provider thinks an enhanced rate should apply. If you would like more information about enhanced rates, please contact asccommissioning@oldham.gov.uk
- 2.1.2 In exceptional circumstances 1:1 may be provided in a care home setting where complex behaviours or safeguarding require this, this will usually be a short term arrangement and will be regularly reviewed.

3 Out of area or off framework placement fee reviews

- 3.1 For provision which is not part of a commissioned framework with Oldham Council providers are responsible for requesting an annual fee review, it will not happen automatically. This will then follow a similar process to that outlined above, in that the Commissioning and Market Management Service can only approve fee increases to the percentage agreed at Full Council budget setting.
- 3.2 When contact is made by an out of area provider, commissioners seek written confirmation on the rate agreed by them for the provision, and this also includes requesting understanding of their percentage uplifts agreed. The host's authority rates, and local agreed rates are taken into consideration prior to confirming in writing the agreed rate and percentage uplift applied, including when the provider can expect to receive this.
- 3.3 When a request for an uplift is received, the request will be considered by the Commissioning and Market Management Service. If after consideration, a request to uplift a fee is approved, the fee adjustment will only be backdated to the date the request was received if received after Quarter 1.

4 Specialist Provision

- 4.1 The fees for specialist provision, either in Oldham or outside of the borough may be reviewed using the Care Cubed system and this will usually be where the total cost of the support is above £2,000 a week. (Care Cubed is also used by health commissioners in the locality). The system provides benchmarking data using live information against a range of national data sets and is increasingly being used by children's, adults and health commissioners across the country. The Care Cubed system ensures a consistent and fair approach to reviewing fees for specialist provision.