

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Sleep-In Rates*

#### **Request:**

1. Have rates for sleep-in shifts paid to providers of domiciliary care for young adults under the age of 65 with special needs, or to residential care providers (under 65 or over 65) been amended during the 2017/18 financial year?  
City of Wolverhampton Council reviewed the residential care fees including legacy sleep in shifts (new packages of care are assessed to determine if night time cover is required and if waking nights are required they are paid at hourly framework rates). This review confirmed that residential providers are paid rates sufficient for them to provide night time in accordance with changing to legislation. Where providers have been specifically commissioned to provide sleep in provision to Service Users the Council has reviewed all packages to ensure that the fees paid allow the provider to pay the national minimum wage.
2. What rates have been agreed and communicated to providers in this regard?  
There isn't a set rate or rate range for this provision. The agreement to fund residential provision for under 65's is agreed with the provider based on the assessed needs and isn't always broken down into hourly rates. Where a sleep in was specified and costed separately – if the cost of the total number of hours provided during a 30 day period didn't enable the provider to pay the national minimum wage, City of Wolverhampton Council would pay that difference.
3. If no amendments have been made, are you currently re-negotiating rates?  
City of Wolverhampton Council are currently in the process of reviewing fees paid across the Social Care sector for 2018/19. This will include sleep in costs. Providers will be notified of any changes in the rates for 2018/19 following the review.