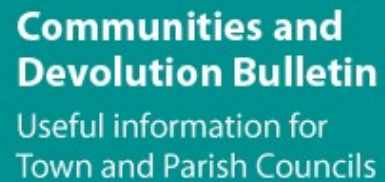


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Consultation on key adult social care charging policies



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Dear City, Town and Parish Council colleagues,

Cornwall Council wants your views on key adult social care charging policies

I am writing to let you know that our adult social care service is in the process of reviewing and developing two policy documents, which are now available for public consultation until Monday 26 February 2018.

The policies that we are consulting on, and welcome comments and feedback on, are:

1. Maximum Usual Price and Inflation that sets out the price the Council is usually prepared to pay to suppliers for different types of social care services and the methodology used to develop the price. The policy includes charges for non-residential services, respite care and residential services. The policy proposals also cover our approach around paying the Living Wage foundation to front-line staff. The majority of these rates have been subject to previous discussion.
2. Adult Social Care Charging Policy that sets out the Council's approach to charging for residential and non-residential care services. This policy sets out the key changes between last years and this financial year.

Adult Social Care is also publishing a draft Choice and Top Up Policy, which does not require public consultation but we would welcome general comments on.

3. Choice and Top Up Policy – that sets out the approach the Council will take in relation to discharging its duty to offer cost effective services to meet people's eligible social care needs and at which point the Council would ask relatives to contribute to the cost of a package if the service user wishes to choose a more expensive provision or care package.

The three key policy documents will be subject to Cabinet approval at the end of March.

Copies of all three of the policy documents, further information and links to the consultation surveys can be found on the Council's website:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/carepolicies

Copies of the policy documents and survey questionnaires will also be available in our libraries and information services.

Linked to the Usual Maximum Price and Inflation Policy consultation we are also consulting on the Fair Cost of Care and the introduction of a proposed new methodology for calculating the cost of placements in Care Homes. We want to ensure the way in which we pay providers of care homes is fair, transparent, and takes account of the actual cost of delivering care in the local market therefore supporting sustainable and responsive services.

Do you think the changes we are proposing to make are right?

We would like to know if the changes we are proposing to make to the policies are right and what people think about them. We would like to hear from anyone with an interest in care services but especially from people who receive care services, carers, service providers, Voluntary and Community Sector, and anyone else with an interest in adult social care services.

I hope you will take the time to provide your thoughts and views on the policy proposals by completing the online surveys and encourage as many as people to have their say before the policies are finalised.

Best wishes, Rob

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