



Fair Cost of Care

CPIC Forum Briefings

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People at the Heart of Care

Fair Cost of Care and Market Sustainability

The 'People at the Heart of Care' is the adult social care reform [White Paper](#). It includes information on funded proposals the Government will implement over the next three years.

The Local Government Financial Settlement on 16 December set out additional funding available for local authorities to support reform and “move towards paying providers a fair cost of care”.

The Government has subsequently published a [Policy](#) on Market Sustainability and the Fair Cost of Care Fund, which we are required to implement locally.

Cost of Care Report and Market Sustainability Plan

Cornwall Council is required to meet a number of conditions in order to access 'Fair Cost of Care' funding for Cornwall. We must submit a return to the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) by 14 October 2022 which provides:

- **Cost of Care Report:** An overview of the methodology and findings of our Cost of Care exercise results. This includes Residential and Nursing Care for people aged 65+ and Home Care for people aged 18+
- **Market Sustainability Plan,** which is a three-year (2022-25) strategic plan setting out how we will meet the local need taking into consideration the challenges and future circumstances, new models of care, existing fees, the cost of care exercise and the move to sustainable fee rates.

To deliver these two reports we will be using the nationally provided tools to survey local providers including:

- **Home Care Cost of Care Toolkit** provided by ARCC-HR Ltd and the LGA
- **Care Home Care Cubed toolkit** provided by iESE

Care Homes – Tools and Guidance

In Cornwall we will be using the nationally developed iESE's Care Cubed [Cost of Care Toolkit](#) for care homes, which is similar to the tool we use locally as part of our fee methodology for Tier 4 placements.

iESE have also produced a [Cost of Care awareness pack](#) including guidance and useful videos.

YouTube video by iESE on [How-To Data Entry Video for Care Providers – Fair Cost of Care Tool – YouTube.](#)

If you have a question on the Cost of Care tool please contact carecubed@iese.org.uk.

Home Care – Tools and guidance

Cornwall will be using the nationally developed tool ARCC-HR Ltd [Cost of Care Toolkit](#) has been produced in partnership with the Local Government Association (LGA) for domiciliary care.

ARCC-HR Ltd have produced a Cost of Care Toolkit Support [website](#) which includes regularly updated FAQs and videos.

Provider support email to ARCC-HR Ltd support@costofcaretoolkit.co.uk

YouTube [video](#) of workshop and discussion for domiciliary care providers by CoProduce care community interest company.

Provider Participation

Cornwall Council is committed to understanding the actual cost of care in the local market and has been working closely with providers and provider organisations over the last five years to ensure the local methodology for calculating the cost of home care and care home placements reflects this.

As such providers and commissioners are experienced at understanding the breakdown of the cost of care and we believe we are in a good position to undertake the task the government have set for us in Cornwall.

The Council is committed to supporting providers in this work. As such we will:

- a) Arrange **weekly drop in sessions** for providers to ask questions and to clarify our approach.
- b) Create a **provider advisory group** to work with commissioners to consider and address any issues we face together, including drafting the two reports
- c) Establish a **regional commissioners group** to ensure we have consistency for providers who work locally in the South West region.

Please note that the deadline for submission of all Cost of Care returns is 31 July 2022.

Cornwall's Timeline

Cost of Care Report and Market Sustainability Plan

Establish regional working group with other LAs	May 22
Establish internal Tash and Finish Group	May 22
Complete initial analysis of tools and cost modelling estimates for introducing FCC	June 22
Establish FCoC Provider Advisory Group	June 22
Preparation of materials and engagement with providers	June 22
Set up weekly drop-in sessions for providers (6, 13, 20, 27 July @ 1pm)	June 22
Complete cost of care exercise including analysis and clarifications	July 22
Complete Market Sustainability Assessment	July 22
Finalise Cost of Care Report and Draft Market Sustainability Plan	August 22
Governance (DLT, DBC,PSR)	7 Oct 22
Submit Cost of Care Report and Market Sustainability Plan to DHSC	14 Oct 22
Complete Spend report and submit to DHSC	14 Oct 22

Fair Cost of Care Online Support

The County Council Network (CCN) has published a [preparing for reform report](#). The Local Government Association's Care and Health Improvement Programme (CHIP) have also produced ['Fair Cost of Care: update support and guidance'](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), CHIP and the Care Providers Association are also working together to produce detailed FAQs and practical implementation guidance, to be shared soon.