

Request:

1. Please provide a copy of the reporting template containing both the spend return and qualitative report, submitted to the Department of Health and Social Care by 28 September 2023, as outlined in the [Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund - Workforce Fund](#).
2. As per the following excerpt from the following [press release](#) announced on 14 September:

“£40 million is being invested to improve social care capacity, strengthen admissions avoidance services and boost discharge rates - targeting the areas with the greatest urgent and emergency care challenges... ..Local authorities can bid for the £40 million to help boost adult social care provision over the winter months.”

- a. Did your local authority make a “bid” for a share of this £40 million fund, as outlined above? *(Please answer Yes or No)*
 - b. If **yes**, please provide a copy of your submitted “bid”
3. Please confirm the fee uplift percentage you offered for the 23/24 financial year for the following service types. **Note:** *If you offered a fixed amount, rather than a percentage uplift, please confirm the amount offered. If you did not offer a standard uplift, please provide the **average uplift** offered for each service type. If you have not offered any form of uplift, please state so and explain why not, or when this is likely being communicated.*
 - a. Nursing
 - b. Nursing Dementia
 - c. Residential
 - d. Residential Dementia

Response:

Wigan Council are yet to receive formal confirmation of approval from the Department of Health and Social Care with regards to the Market Sustainability and Improvement (Workforce Fund) return submitted on the 28th September. We are therefore unable to provide this information as it remains subject to approval and potential change.

Yes.

This bid remains under consideration.

The Council operates a 2-tier fee rates banding system for residential and nursing homes within the Borough, with higher rates paid to providers who have committed to paying their staff the Real Living Wage pay rate.

The 23/24 increase was 13.9% for the Real Living (RLW) wage fee rates and 11.1% for the standard (non-RLW) fee rates.

Please note that the above increases only relate to the Council’s banded fee rates.

There is a separate process for determining fee rates paid for residential and nursing care outside of the banded fee rate categories e.g. for more specialist provision or out of area placements, which are determined through assessment and dialogue with individual providers through an open book process.

Where applicable, out of area placements are aligned to the fees paid by the host Local Authority.