

**REQUEST 16015**

I am writing to request the following information on the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) used by your local authority in the calculation of social care charges for non-residential (otherwise known as "home care" or "community care") care services.

The MIG is set at the statutory level by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care following an annual review. The Care Act (2014) allows local authorities to implement a discretionary local uplift to any or all of the statutory MIG rates. Please confirm:

- 1) if your local authority had any discretionary MIG uplift in place in the financial years a) 2021/22 b) 2022/23 and c) 2023/24 for any or all of the various MIG rates (by this I mean: the MIG rate specified for a single person aged 18-25; for a single person aged over 25 and less than pension credit age; for a single person of pension credit age; for a lone parent aged 18 or over; for a couple of working age; and for a couple where one or both is of pension credit age).
- 2) in all cases of a discretionary MIG uplift, please confirm the level of the discretionary uplift, as a percentage of the statutory rate.

**RESPONSE**

Yes

Single person 18-25: 16.8% for 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24.

Single person of pension credit age: 2.3% for 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24.

In addition, across all age groups, Wigan only takes a discretionary 90% of a person's disposable income above the MIG into account in the Financial Assessment.