

APPENDIX**CONSULTATION PROPOSAL****Intended audience of the consultation**

- Residential and nursing care providers in Leicestershire.
- EMCARE.
- User representative organisations.
- Current and potential future residents of residential and nursing care provision.

Supporting information to be provided as part of the consultation

- Background information will include, why the change is being made, what is proposed, how to respond and by what date.
- Details of the key policy/research that inform the approach will be outlined, in particular the Strategy: Promoting independence, Supporting Communities; Our Vision and Strategy for adult social care 2016–2020 and national report from the County Council Network and the Competition and Markets Authority.
- Provider engagement to date will be explained and information about it provided including the meeting notes and interim engagement report.
- A full explanation of the approach for each market; use of the Care Funding Calculator (CFC) in working age adult (WAA) placements and the band rates and Supplementary Needs Allowance (SNA) used in making older adult placements will be provided.
- Details of the Equality and Human Rights Impact Screening Assessment will be provided.

Key tools and methods to be used for the consultation

- Web based content, dedicated page with links to documentation, frequently asked questions (FAQs), links to policy, key organisations and data sources.
- An electronic response form.
- Individual meetings with user representative organisations.
- Opportunities for EMCARE and providers to engage via Individual discussions as requested and locality based focus groups.

Key areas for consideration as part of consultation one

- The standard cost models framework; in particular, whether all the key cost lines are included.

- The proposed move from the current five band system to a two band system will be asked. In particular, can that approach cater for all older adults?
- Proposed amendments to the contract and specification will be included relating to, whether the specification clearly set out the minimum standards of care required and whether the specification covers the depth and breadth of the service your organisation provides?
- It is proposed that the Quality Assessment Framework (QAF) payments that relate to older adult and nursing services will be removed. Using the CFC with a revised approach to how the tool is administered to ensure consistency and transparency, in particular, the support the continued use of the CFC and t the approach to specifying the non-care costs for Leicestershire.
- The separation of needs assessment and care planning from placement identification and negotiation will be explored.

Key areas for consideration as part of consultation two

- The proposed standard cost models developed for older adults and working age adult non-care costs. That is, the actual assumptions and figures in the framework that was agreed in stage 1.
- Flowing from those cost models, the older adult band rates, the standard working age adult hotel costs and the standard SNA rates will be consulted upon. Providers will be asked for feedback on those fee levels.
- Transitional arrangements, including implementation dates and the risks and possible mitigations associated with that.
- The process for annual price review, in relation to key cost drivers, such as Consumer Price Index and National Living Wage, and updating automatically each year using a formula based on those published indices.