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Request and Response:

- 1) Information regarding the tariffs or fee structure paid to independent providers of domiciliary care, to include the specific rates paid currently, and previously back as far as 2014.**

The Council invited the market to set their own maximum charge for care services and use their own costing models on that basis. During the life of the Care at Home Framework Agreement the Council agreed a new minimum rate to cover the increased cost of the National Living Wage (NLW) resulting in uplift for providers who were below that minimum. This minimum personal care rate was further uplifted as the NLW increased. The hourly personal care rate was determined using an adapted version of the UK Home Care Association costing model.

June 2014: as tendered
September 2015: £16.00
April 2016: £16.15
April 2017: £16.61

The new Homecare and Supportive Lifestyles Dynamic Purchasing System Agreement went live in June 2018 and includes a usual maximum price of £19.30 calculated using an adapted version of the UK Home Care Association costing model and requiring providers to pay their care workers the Foundation Living Wage.

- 2) The processes or protocols for identifying and commissioning suitable independent domiciliary care providers.**

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the Homecare and Supportive Lifestyles Dynamic Purchasing System Agreement is available at:

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk

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