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Dear Care Provider

### **Cost of Care Exercise for Residential and Nursing (Older People's Care Homes)**

Bristol City Council's cost of care analysis underpinning a review of prices for residential and nursing care for older people is now complete and we are seeking provider views and comments about proposed prices.

As Terry Dafter, Interim Service Director Adult Social Care has stated in person at Residential and Nursing Provider Forums over the past few months, Bristol City Council pays comparatively high prices for beds compared to other like and neighbouring local authorities. The adult social care budget is overspent and we therefore need to review the prices we are paying for care beds.

The report sets out what you (providers) have told us so far about costs (as a result of the cost of care exercise), the Council's proposed prices, the methodology applied to develop these proposed prices and the factors taken into account. This is set out in the accompanying Cost of Care Market Engagement Report.

I hope you will take the time to read this report and respond to a survey on the proposed new prices, as well as engage in face to face meetings. The dates of these meetings are to be confirmed.

The survey closes on 9 April 2018. To participate, please click on the following link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RSGYGYF>

This will take you to the survey to provide feedback on the proposed rates.

The attachments also include the 'Data Collection Template' which was used to collect information for the cost of care exercise. **Please take the time to complete and submit this for consideration if you have not already done so.**

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Please be assured that your inputs to this engagement exercise are important to Bristol City Council. We recognise that once you have read the report, you may have questions or queries that you would like clarified.

If this is the case, please email your questions to [carehomecommissioning@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:carehomecommissioning@bristol.gov.uk). This mailbox is regularly monitored. A response will then be sent to you and any frequently asked questions and responses will be collated for information. Please be aware that if questions are raised late in the consultation period, there may not reasonably be enough time for the Council to circulate a response before the end of the consultation period. **Providers are therefore encouraged to give early consideration to the consultation.**

Once the survey has closed, the Council will undertake an analysis of responses and take account of these when drafting a report with its final proposed prices. This report will go to the People Directorate Divisional Leadership Team and onto Cabinet in June (proposed date) with recommendations. We will let you know when the report is published and how you can access it. It is anticipated that prices will start as of June 4<sup>th</sup> for new placements into care homes.

Yours sincerely

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