

ADVICE NOTE ON NURSING CARE BANDS

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This note confirms the annual increase in the level of the NHS contribution towards the costs of a place in a care home with nursing for those people assessed as requiring the help of a registered nurse.

Since the introduction of the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care, there are effectively two rates:

- the standard rate £106.30 per week
- the 'higher rate' £146.30 per week

When NHS-funded nursing care was introduced in October 2001, we made a commitment to regularly reassess the payment attached to the banding. This commitment was repeated in the national Framework last year.

These increases are, once again, in line with the increases in nurses' pay, which is 2.25 per cent for 2010/11.

From 1 April 2010, for eligible care home residents:

- the standard rate will increase from £106.30 to £108.70 per week
- the high band will increase from £146.30 to £149.60 per week.