

ADVICE NOTE ON NURSING CARE BANDS

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We have received a number of requests for clarification on the Registered Nursing Care Contribution Single Band Rate for 2008/09 which should be applied from 1 April.

Until further notice, the 2007/08 rate of £101 for the single band will continue to apply.

No decision will be made on any adjustment to the Rate for 2008/09 until the Government has received and considered the recommendations of the NHS Pay Review Body.

Any nursing home resident currently receiving high band funding should continue to receive this higher level of payment until their case is reviewed in line with the National Framework for Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care. On the basis of this review, if the person is not eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare, but their needs are still such that they would have continued to receive the high band payment, this payment should continue: the same procedure should be followed at any subsequent review of this person. If, upon review, their needs have been found to decrease to the equivalent of medium or low band, the PCT should decrease the payment to the single rate. Until further notice, the 2007/08 rate of £139 for the old high band will continue to apply.