

Appendix 1 – Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee September 2023 Update Report

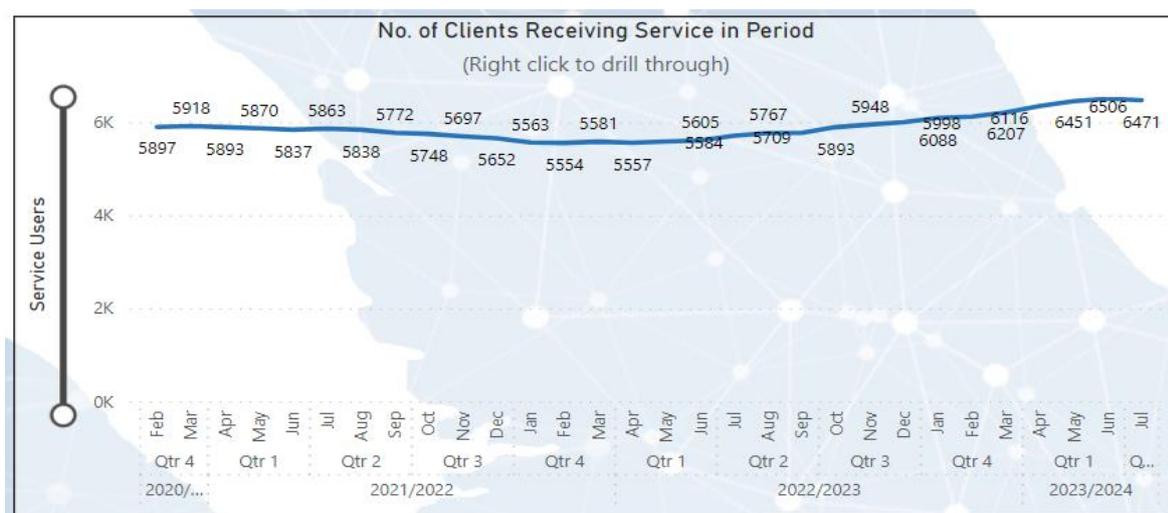
**Demographic Growth**

The graph below reflects the increasing numbers of Adults supported in Wirral since 2021. This shows 2,019 clients in March 2021 compared to 2,276 in July 2023:



The number of clients aged 18-64 over the 12 months from May 2022 to May 2023 has increased by 10.4%

The graph below reflects the increasing numbers of Older People supported in Wirral since 2021. The data shows 5,897 clients in February 2021 compared to 6,471 in July 2023:



The number of clients aged 65+ over the 12 months from May 2022 to May 2023 has increased by 15.5%

## Care Fees

The Council approved the uplift in care fees to allow providers to pay the Real Living Wage to care staff from May 2020 when the hourly rate was uplifted in year from the national living wage rate of £8.72 to £9.30 (6.67% increase) supported by the use of Covid funding. Real Living Wage rates over this period have increased as follows:

2020-21	£9.30 (previously £8.72 National Living Wage)
2021-22	£9.50
2022-23	£9.90
2023-24	£10.90

It is important to note that employee costs are the single biggest cost driver on fee rates, and care fee rates have been calculated each year to account for this cost.

Fee rates are negotiated and uplifted on a yearly basis during a market consultation process when providers can discuss the proposed rates with Finance and Commissioning colleagues. Wirral use Cipfa approved tools to calculate the fee rates.

The following table reflects the approved rates for the past three years:

Care Type	Fee Type	Unit	2021-22 Fee Rates	2022-23 Fee Rates	2023-24 Fee Rates
<b>Supported Living - Day Support</b>	RLW	Hourly	£16.92	£17.76	£19.60
	Standard		£15.89	£17.06	£18.76
<b>Supported Living - Night Support</b>	RLW	Per night	£131.99	£138.57	£152.92
	Standard		£124.00	£133.07	£146.35
<b>Extra Care - Older People</b>	RLW	Hourly	£14.80	£15.54	£17.25
	Standard		£13.90	£14.91	£16.41
<b>Extra Care - Adults (18-64)</b>	RLW	Hourly	£16.92	£17.76	£19.60
	Standard		£15.89	£17.06	£18.76
<b>Extra Care - Adults (18-64)</b>	RLW	Per night	£131.99	£138.57	£152.92
	Standard		£124.00	£133.07	£146.35
<b>Residential Care</b>	RLW	Weekly	£527.00	£550.00	£637.00
	Standard		£502.00	£532.00	£618.00
<b>Residential EMI Care</b>	RLW	Weekly	£589.00	£616.00	£710.00
	Standard		£561.00	£595.00	£687.00
<b>Nursing Care</b>	RLW	Weekly	£565.00	£596.00	£701.00
	Standard		£526.00	£571.00	£671.00
<b>Nursing EMI Care</b>	RLW	Weekly	£601.00	£633.00	£743.00
	Standard		£560.00	£607.00	£710.00
<b>Domiciliary Care</b>	RLW	Hourly	£17.79	£18.47	£21.72
	Standard		£16.64	£17.61	£19.02

During October 2022 Wirral undertook a fair cost of care exercise as part of a national exercise to identify provider expectations of a true and fair cost of care. Following this exercise Wirral invested an additional £4.1m of market sustainability grant funding to the 2023-24 community care fees as a positive move toward paying Wirral providers a fair cost of care.