

To: Trust Directors of Finance

Our ref: PC84 / Dom Care

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By E-Mail only

Dear Colleague

Re: Domiciliary Care & Supported Living Rates

The DHSSPS and HSCB have been involved in ongoing discussions with independent sector representatives regarding the challenges experienced by this sector in meeting demands placed upon it. In recognition of these issues it has been decided to provide additional in-year funding from 1st February equivalent to a 2% uplift in the current hourly rate.

Work is ongoing to establish the eventual uplift for 2016/17 due from 1st April 2016 in order to address proposed changes to staff remuneration rates and recruitment challenges. It would be our intention to provide notification of any increase in the near future as an indication of our commitment to decisively addressing these issues.

Yours sincerely



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