

Service Type	Fee for 2026/27 (where applicable)	Percentage Increase**	Comments
Home Care	£26.92 per hour	3.56%	Rates below £26.92 will be increased by 3.56%, up to a maximum rate of £26.92.
	£13.89 per 30 mins	3.56%	Rates below £13.89 will be increased by 3.56%, up to a maximum rate of £13.89.
	£20.83 per 45 mins	3.56%	Rates below £20.83 will be increased by 3.56%, up to a maximum rate of £20.83.
The above rates only apply to Home Care commissioned through the Home Care in Somerset Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) and do not apply to services commissioned using the Specialist Adult Support in Somerset (SASIS) DPS or any other procurement approach.			
Live In Care	N/A	3.56%	Percentage increase to be applied to the existing agreed rate for 2025/26.
Extra Care Housing	N/A	3.56%	Percentage increase to be applied to the applicable tendered rate.
Payments to Volunteer Drivers	£0.45 per mile	0%	No change – Set by HMRC.
Direct Payments:			
Self Employed	£18.79 per hour	3.56%	This increase will be applied to the payments made to an individual in receipt of a Direct Payment. The recipient will then be responsible for paying any increases requested by the provider(s) of their care and support
Agency	£24.23 per hour	3.56%	
Shared Lives: Weekly Fees to Carers	N/A	3.56%	Percentage increase to be applied to the existing agreed banding for 2025/26.
Assessment Payment to Carer	£16.85 per (0-4 hours) / £33.55 (4-8 hours)		
Daycare	N/A	3.56%	Percentage increase to be applied to the existing agreed rate for 2025/26.
Intermediate Care	N/A	3.56%	Percentage increase to be applied to the existing agreed rate for 2025/26.
Supported Living	A new minimum hourly rate of £21.00 for support during the day and waking nights***	3.56%	Where the existing hourly rate agreed for 2025/26 is £20.28 or below the hourly rate will be uplifted to £21.00, with 3.56% being applied to all hourly rates above this.
Residential Care	£834 per week	3.56%	For placements where the standard rate shown does not apply the percentage uplift shown will be applied to the existing agreed rate for 2025/26.
Nursing Care	£862 per week	3.56%	Excludes NHS Funded Nursing Care (FNC) For placements where the standard rate shown does not apply the percentage uplift shown will be applied to the existing agreed rate for 2025/26.
OPMH Nursing Care	£1,167 per week	3.56%	Excludes NHS Funded Nursing Care (FNC) For placements where the standard rate shown does not apply the percentage uplift shown will be applied to the existing agreed rate for 2025/26.
Dementia Residential (formerly Specialist Residential Care - SRC)	£890 per week	3.56%	For placements where the standard rate shown does not apply the percentage uplift shown will be applied to the existing agreed rate for 2025/26.
LD & MH Residential and Nursing placements	N/A	3.56%	Nursing Care placements exclude NHS Funded Nursing Care (FNC)
All the above rates and inflationary uplifts only apply within the geographical boundaries of Somerset Council			
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Placements made outside of Somerset	<p>For 2026/27 Somerset Council will match, but not exceed, the relevant increase offered by the host Local Authority (LA). If the host LA has a standard rate that is applicable to the placement then Somerset Council will match whichever is lower of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An uplift to the standard rate offered by the host LA, or 2. An uplift based on the existing rate paid by Somerset Council, <i>plus</i> the percentage uplift applied by the host LA to reach its new standard rate <p>Where a host LA does not have an applicable standard rate and instead applies a percentage uplift then Somerset Council will match, but not exceed the applicable percentage uplift.</p> <p>Where none of the above apply and the host LA uses a benchmarking tool in place of offering a standard rate or percentage uplift then Somerset Council will use its chosen benchmarking tool for local services to establish its best and final offer.</p>		

* Excludes contracts with a contractually defined fee increase calculation

** Unless otherwise stated, where a standard fee is shown in column 2 the percentage shown in column 3 is the increase from the standard fee last year to the proposed standard fee for 2026/27.

***Please note that the minimum rate for Supported Living **does not apply** to the time apportioned to an individual where it is shared (i.e. if one hour is shared between three tenancies the rate apportioned to each tenancy would be £7 per hour) or to sleep-ins. As previously communicated Somerset Council **will not agree** to the reapportionment of shared hours when an vacancy occurs.