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In-county nursing homes

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Dear Colleague

**Transfer of Funded Nursing Care (FNC) Payments administration**

NHS-funded nursing care is when the NHS pays for the nursing care component of nursing home fees. The NHS pays a flat rate directly to the nursing home towards the cost of nursing care. All residents in a nursing home should be considered for Continuing Healthcare first. Residents who are not eligible for Continuing Healthcare (via a Negative checklist or full assessment), but who have been assessed as needing care from a registered nurse and living in a nursing home, are entitled to Funded Nursing Care. The current weekly rate is £187.60, to fund services provided by a registered nurse which include planning, supervising, and monitoring nursing and healthcare tasks, as well as providing direct nursing care.

Funded Nursing Care payments in Worcestershire are currently administered by Worcestershire County Council for all residents registered with a Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG GP. This administration will transfer back to the CCG. From **25<sup>th</sup> June 2022** any nursing placements commissioned by Worcestershire County Council, current and subsequent arrangements, will be paid excluding FNC payment. The CCG will pay FNC directly to the nursing home for local authority placed and self-funding residents.

Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG have a payment system in place and nursing homes will not need to invoice to enable payment. Monthly payment schedules will be sent to each nursing home to sign and to make the CCG aware of any amendments needed; the return of this schedule will enable payment monthly.

Whilst I appreciate this will cause some additional work in the short term, the change will mean a monthly audit of residents, enabling quicker payment for all residents in receipt of FNC. There is a full time FNC Senior Administrator in place to work closely with you to ensure queries are dealt with quickly and there is a direct contact for yourselves to enable swift payment, particularly during handover on 25<sup>th</sup> June.

I would like to invite you to a webinar to discuss the detail and answer any question or concerns. There are two sessions available and I urge you to invite all colleagues who may be involved in administration of FNC payments:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 10am  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 3pm

Can you please confirm your attendance to either date and RSVP by contacting Anne Cowin, Senior FNC administrator, by email to [hwccg.fnc@nhs.net](mailto:hwccg.fnc@nhs.net) An invite to a webinar via MS Teams will be emailed to you separately.

If you have any questions about the arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me via the email above or on 01905 681975 to assist you further.

Yours sincerely



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