

Co-operative Executive – 16th March 2022 Maintaining a Stable Adult Social Care Market

Sheffield City Council believe its important to listen to providers and share providers views. To that end we have arranged for views expressed from providers to be enclosed as a supplementary report to the Cooperative Executive.

Attached are letters and emails received from providers.

1. Letter from Burton Street Foundation Trustees (text reproduced below)
2. Letter from Burton Street Foundation (Appendix 1)
3. Email from Sheffield Care Association (Appendix 2)
4. Letter from Sheffield Care Association dated 15/03/2022 (Appendix 3)
5. Letter from Sheffield Care Association dated March 2020 (Appendix 4)

14th March 2022

Members of the SCC Co-op Executive

Dear Sirs

Re - Recommended 3.13% uplift for Day Service Providers.

The Burton Street Trustees are extremely concerned about the recommended, totally inadequate uplift of 3.13% for Day Service Providers. Burton Street Foundation (BSF) need to pay staff at least the Real Living Wage. The consequences of a 3.13% uplift in the face of an increase to the National Living Wage rates of 6.62%, additional National Insurance Contributions of 1.25% plus increases to energy and building cost will have dire repercussions.

BSF and other Care Providers support very vulnerable people who do not always have the same opportunities in life without enthusiastic dedicated staff teams. Yes we can clap our hands and thank the staff teams but often they face real financial difficulties and often for this reason, reluctantly have to leave our care services. Apart from providing an improved quality of life to vulnerable people and families, it would be considerably more expensive if people had to be moved to much higher levels of support services due to family breakdowns, as a consequence of reduced opportunities for families to access day services in the city.

As Burton Street Foundation Trustees we ask on behalf of all vulnerable people in Sheffield to reject the proposal of 3.13% uplift and consider a higher percentage increase, to reflect the needs of the providers.

Regards

Burton Street Foundation Board of Trustees

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