Schedule of Rates for Home Care (including proposed uplift of 2% and enhanced rate for evenings beyond 8pm)

	Standard Care 2012/13 rate	proposed increase 2% 2013-14	Special Care 2012/13 rate	propose d increase 2% 2013-14
60mins	£14.50	£14.80	£16.50	£16.80
45 & 30	pro- Rata	Pro-rata	pro- rata	pro- rata
mins.				
15mins	£6.00	£6.10	£7.00	£7.10
Beyond8p				
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60 mins	£15.00	£15.30	£17.00	£17.30
45& 30min	Pro rata	Pro rata	Pro rata	Pro rata
15 mins	£6.50	£6.60	£7.50	£7.70

These rates cover the whole day, 7 days per week.

Services supplied to individuals will attract either standard care rates or special care rates but not both. The decision about which rate will apply will be made by the practitioner who has commissioned the care.

Standard Care rates will apply for personal care and practical support as described in the service specification including support with, and administration of, medication, and safe manual movement including use of hoists if required.

This rate will apply to care provided to most service users.

Special Care rates will apply where home care workers require additional training or special skills because the service user has identified needs such as:

End of life or Continuing Health Care

Mental health problems and/ or Learning Difficulties of a severity that requires additional skills to support and manage effectively. (including conditions such as severe dementia, confusion, other cognitive difficulties)

Challenging behaviour such as aggressive, abusive or unpredictable behaviour and other situations of high risk where the service user is a risk to themselves or others.

Service users who require Level Three Medication tasks as described in the Council's Medication Guidelines for People Living in the Community.

This requires administering medication via a specialist technique in exceptional circumstances. Such techniques include

- Administration of medication through a Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG)
- Rectal or vaginal medication
- Injections
- Nebulisers

(NB this is not an exhaustive list)

A specific period of intensive home care (usually for up to 8 weeks) to increase levels of independence and reach identified outcomes, eg following a period of illness or a change in circumstances.

Bank Holiday arrangements

Care delivered on a standard bank holiday will attract an enhanced rate 1.25 x hourly rate (pro rata) and 1.25 x 15min rate

Care delivered on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day will attract an enhanced rate 2 x hourly rate (pro rata) and 2 x 15min rate.

When these holidays fall on a weekend any additional bank holidays will be paid at 1.25 x hourly rate (pro rata) and 1.25 x 15 min rate.

example: Christmas Day on Friday, calls attract 2 x hourly rate Boxing Day on Saturday, calls attract 2 x hourly rate

Bank Holiday on Monday (in lieu of Boxing Day), calls attract 1.25 x hourly rate.