



Thames Valley

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Sent by email

Dear provider,

Mental Health (Section 117) and All-Age Continuing and Complex Care Inflationary Uplift 2026/27

We write to inform you that, following careful review and consideration, Thames Valley ICB will be awarding a 2.1% inflationary uplift to fees for Mental Health (S117), Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and Children and Young People's Continuing Care (CYPCC) packages currently commissioned directly by the ICB. This applies to all packages of care in place prior to 31st March 2026, excluding spot purchased CHC Fast Track care. This letter is being sent to all current providers, so should not in itself be taken as evidence that you necessarily have any patients who are in scope for an uplift in fees. The uplift will take effect from 1st April 2026.

- For providers who receive payment by schedule, the uplift, backdated to 1st April will be processed in the next available schedule and then paid shortly thereafter.
- For providers that are paid by invoice, you will need to invoice the uplift element only for each patient. Please ensure that the uplift is split to match the date ranges of invoices already submitted.
 - This may be on a single invoice for each patient covering multiple previous invoice periods.
 - Please do not combine multiple patients on the same invoice.

Which packages are excluded?

The following packages will not be eligible for an uplift:

- Any package of care that closes on or before 31 March 2026.
- Any package of care that opens on or after 1 April 2026.
- Any package of care which is currently under discussion and where it has been agreed between the Commissioner and the provider that no 2026 uplift will be applicable.

Other exclusions are:

- Any packages that are part of an ongoing block contract, such as Discharge to Assess pathways, are not in scope.
- Limited time placements which are intended to support recovery or recuperation and are focused on providing active treatment rather than ongoing care will not be in scope.

To avoid delays in payment, invoices should not include uplifts above this level as they will not be processed. If you're unsure how this applies to your package(s), please contact the relevant Contract Management Teams at the email below, who will be happy to help clarify.

For joint-funded care, the Local Authority remains the lead commissioner. However, where the ICB has issued a direct IPA to cover specific healthcare needs, the same uplift will apply.

Please note also that where a patient is jointly funded between the NHS and local authorities – whether social services or education (or both) – this uplift only applies to the NHS contribution. If you issue invoices separately to the NHS and the local authority for care fees, then the 2.1% uplift should only be applied to the invoices you submit to the NHS. Our local authority partners will address any uplift on their share separately.

Where you have a patient, whose care is jointly funded but where you invoice only the local authority which in turn recharges the NHS for our share of the fee, the local authority will be advising you of the revised amount to charge since the total fee will need to reflect the funders' differing uplifts.

Each year, the ICB assesses provider uplifts in line with national guidance, market conditions, and the ICB's wider financial duties. We understand the continued pressures facing the care sector and would like to thank you for your patience and ongoing commitment to supporting people with complex care needs across our neighbourhoods.

Should you have any queries please email by 30th June 2026 to:

All age continuing and complex care: tvicb.contractmanagement.AACCC@nhs.net

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Yours faithfully



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