

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELLBEING CABINET BOARD

5 OCTOBER 2017

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND
HOUSING – N. JARMAN**

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: ALL

Hillside Secure Children's Home Placement Fees 2017/18

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the placement fees to be applied at Hillside Secure Children's Home for the financial year 2017/18.

Background

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is responsible for managing Hillside Secure Children's Home.

The Youth Justice Board currently commissions 6 secure places at Hillside. The remaining 16 secure places are available for Social Services Welfare cases and are purchased as required by individual Local Authorities.

The Director of Social Services, Health and Housing has been given delegated authority to set fees and charges for the Directorate.

The Fee

Calculation of annual placement fees is determined within the contract between Hillside and the Youth Justice Board.

The fee for Youth Justice Board placements increased from £630 per day to £645 per day from 1/4/17. Any 'spot purchases' will be charged at £750 per day.

The fee for Welfare placements increased from £750 per day to £800 per day from 1/4/17 to compensate for the rise in costs of the service. A further rise to £830 per day from 1/9/17 is necessary to reflect additional resources required for the specialist provisions needed for the complex needs of these young people, continuing high demand from Local Authorities and to remain competitive within the Secure Estate market.

The Placing Authority Agreement now includes additional staffing costs for intensive staff support of young people at Hillside and/or staff costs for Placing Authorities wishing to arrange for Hillside staff to escort young people on external mobilities, at a cost of £30 per hour.

The Placing Authority Agreement now also includes an indemnity for the reimbursement of any damage incurred by young people exceeding £1,000.

Financial Impact

The increase in fees will enable the service to fully recover its costs.

Equality Impact Assessment

This function does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Workforce Impacts

None

Legal Impacts

None

Risk Management

None

Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the increase in fees at Hillside Secure Children's Home

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