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Your ref:  
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Dear Provider

### **Day Opportunities 2024 / 25 fee uplifts**

I am writing to inform you of Essex County Council's decision to uplift adult Day Opportunities rates for the forthcoming year.

ECC has engaged with providers over the last 12 months to understand the various cost models in the county. Working on the basis of an increase to the living wage blended with other inflationary pressures, we are happy to be able to award an increase of **7.12%** to all adult Day Opportunity packages commissioned by Essex County Council.

The new rates are being applied from the first payment cycle of the financial year which begins on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. We are currently in the process of adjusting all of your rates in our system to apply this uplift, so you should see the new rates in place from the first payment cycle of the new financial year.

Please note this relates to managed packages in the Essex administrative area only and does not apply to Direct Payments. If you deliver any support packages outside Essex you will need to contact us to discuss an uplift. Any requests for uplifts will need to be made during this coming financial year.

If you wish to discuss any issues relating to Day Opportunities uplifts please contact:

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Yours faithfully

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