

Adult Joint Commissioning Pricing and Value for Money Strategy and the National Audit Office

The key drivers for both the (draft) Adult Joint Commissioning Pricing and Value for Money Strategy and the National Audit Office¹ centre around value for money (not necessarily the cheapest), the Council as a good commissioner, promotion of good employer practice and a commitment to fair fees. The approach outlined in this report reflects all of these - together they combine to support sustainable and high quality services.

- Assurance that social care and health services represent good value for money.
- Authorities are good commissioners that local providers are happy to do business with.
- The price paid for services will be transparent and fair to both the funder and the provider.
- Supporting high quality, sustainable services.
- Assurance from providers that pricing structures allows them to meet their obligations as good employers
- Promotes personalisation and the use of Direct Payments. The Joint Commissioning Team will wish to ensure that providers charge Direct Payment holders prices comparable to BMBC contracted rates for comparable services.
- A commitment to fair fees that cover the cost of care comes with an expectation of high standards and delivery of outcomes.

¹ Successful Commissioning Guide <https://www.nao.org.uk/successful-commissioning/>