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NCF responds to the CQC fee announcement for regulated provision for 2018/19.

On the 27th March 2018, the CQC announced the fees for regulated provision for 2018/19. In this they have outlined the fees that providers of health and adult social care in England will pay from April 2018 to cover the costs of their regulation. Their proposals affect NHS trusts, NHS GPs and community social care providers.

In response to these announcements, Vic Rayner, Executive Director of the National Care Forum states:-

“NCF acknowledges that CQC is progressing to full cost recovery through regulatory fees and that grant in aid from the Department of Health and Social Care is reducing .

However today’s announcement for community social care providers , where most will see an increase in their fees , whilst expected will not be welcome. NCF members support Independent regulation and inspection, but the increase in fees will further add to the challenges that providers face which have been so clearly articulated by the CQC themselves. Seven days ago Jeremy Hunt announced his seven principles of social care reform. This is an opportunity for him to take action and stop the escalator of fee rises for care provision, and bring the core principle of sustainable funding into each and every current government decision that has a direct impact on the fragile care sector. This is one piece of reform that does not need to wait for a green paper – press the button and stop the fee escalator now.”

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We keep members up to date with news and developments in the care sector and provide opportunities to meet and share ideas and best practice through our regular forum meetings, annual conferences and events, membership benchmarking surveys and reports and a weekly e-briefing.

