

Residential or Nursing Care Services (Long and short stays)

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM THE PERSON YOU REPRESENT

We understand that you are the representative of

Charges

There is normally a charge for care in a residential or nursing home. Hampshire County Council Adult Services provide financial help for some people, depending on how much income and capital they have, but all residents also have to pay a contribution towards the cost of their care themselves. Details are given in the Adult Services booklet *Paying for Residential Care*. You should be given a copy of this.

A financial assessment

To decide whether someone qualifies for financial help from Adult Services, and if so, what their contribution to the cost of their care will be, Adult Services carries out a financial assessment. This assessment is done by a member of our specialist Financial Assessments and Benefits (FAB) team. They will ask for the details of the finances of the person you represent, using a **Statement of Financial Circumstances (SAS4)** form. A copy of this form is available in advance of any meeting.

Payment of the charge for care starts from the date the person you represent goes into a residential or nursing care home or, if they are already living in a care home and have just become eligible for financial help from Adult Services, from the date Adult Services start funding their care.

If your assessment shows that you do not qualify for financial help from Adult Services, you will have to pay the full cost of residential or nursing home care yourself.

'Top ups' or 'third party payments'

The costs of different kinds of care vary, and Adult Services pays agreed set rates to home owners for each kind.

The set rate for the care needed is the maximum amount Adult Services will pay towards a resident's fees. If the resident or their family/representative chooses a residential or nursing home with fees above the Adult Services rate, their family or representative will need to make a private arrangement with the care home to pay the difference. This 'top up' is quite separate from the resident's contribution to their fees, that is calculated from their financial assessment. If top up fees are agreed, but payments aren't made, it may result in the person you represent having to move to another care home.

Care home fees usually increase each year, and Adult Services rates are increased in line with inflation. You should ensure that you are clear each year about any increases in the top up payments required.

For more details about top ups, see *Paying for Residential Care*.

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No financial assessment

If the person you represent would prefer not to give us details of their financial circumstances, they do not have to. However, if they (or you on their behalf) decide not to, their full rate for the care will have to be paid (even if the person you represent might qualify for Adult Services help).

DECLARATION

I have read the information overleaf.

I confirm that

- I have received a copy of the Adult Services booklet *Paying for Residential Care* and a copy of the *Statement of Financial Circumstances (SAS4)* form.

I understand that

- I will have to pay a contribution towards the cost of my residential or nursing care and
- any top up charges payable to the residential home will be the responsibility of my family/friends

Signed

Name in full (block capitals)

Date

Witnessed by (care manager's name in full, in block capitals)

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Signed

Date

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