

# Residential or Nursing Care Services (Long and short stays)

## CHARGES FOR SERVICES

### YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

**There is a charge for your care in a residential or nursing home.** Hampshire County Council Adult Services may be able to provide some financial help for you, depending on how much income and capital you have, but you will also have to pay a contribution towards the cost of your care yourself. Details are given in the Adult Services booklet *Paying for Residential Care*.

#### A financial assessment

To decide whether you qualify for financial help from Adult Services, and if so, what your contribution to the cost of your 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 you for details of your finances, using a **Statement of Financial Circumstances (SAS4)** form. You should have a copy of this form before the meeting.

Payment of your charge starts from the date you go into a residential or nursing care home or, if you 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 your 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 you need is the maximum amount Adult Services will pay towards your fees. If you choose a residential or nursing home with fees above the Adult Services rate, your family will need to make a private arrangement with the care home to pay the difference. This 'top up' is quite separate from the contribution you make to your fees, that is calculated from your financial assessment. If top up fees are agreed by your family, but payments aren't made, it may result in you having to move to another care home.

Care home fees usually increase each year, and Adult Services rates are increased in line with inflation. Please ensure that your family is clear each year about any increases in their top up payments.

You should be given a copy of *Paying for Residential Care*, which has more information about top ups.

#### No financial assessment

If you would prefer not to give us details of your financial circumstances, you do not have to. However, if you decide not to, you will have to pay the full rate for the care you get (even if you would qualify for Adult Services help).

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## 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 .....

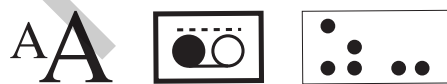
Witnessed by (care manager's name in full, in block capitals)

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Signed .....

Date .....

### Alternative formats on request



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