

Funding and Useful information

Helpful information when paying for care

There are various means of funding depending on the assessments of the individual and their financial position.

The National Health Service, Local Authority Services and The Department for Works and Pensions, all have a part in the funding of care. All are dependant upon your financial assessment and eligibility for the various elements of funding.

Depending on your level of savings and assets and whether you live alone or have a partner, there are different thresholds to assess whether you will have to pay for your care.

If your levels are above the following amounts, you will have to pay the full cost of care.

England	Scotland	Wales
£21,500	£20,750	£22,000

If your levels are below the following amounts, your local authority may pay some of the cost of your care.

England	Scotland	Wales
£13,000	£12,500	£17,250

If your levels are below the above, you will be entitled to the full funding of care.

There are benefits that you may be entitled to: -

Attendance Allowance

Attendance Allowance is a tax-free benefit for people aged 65 and over who need help with personal care because they are physically or mentally disabled.

Attendance Allowance is not affected by any savings or income you may have. The amounts depend on how much your disability affects you. There are two rates of Attendance Allowance.

Attendance Allowance	Weekly Rate
Higher Rate	£64.50
Lower Rate	£43.15

Disability Living Allowance

Disability Allowance is a tax-free benefit for children and adults who need help with personal care of have walking difficulties because they are physically or mentally disabled.

Pension Credit

This is the restructured alternative to Income Support and offers two basic types of benefit, one, which is designed to ensure minimum, guaranteed income and the other which to a degree, is designed to assist those who have savings or additional private income.

Continuing Care Benefit

Under current legislation, individuals who have an acute nursing requirement because their primary care need is healthcare are entitled to continuing care benefit. This is provided by the NHS and fund all costs associated with the care need. Entitlement to continuing care benefit is dependant on the individual meeting the health authority's eligibility criteria. Those individuals who have a severe nursing requirement should establish if they have eligibility to continuing care benefit by contacting their local Health Authority or PCT.

Registered Nursing Care Contribution Primary Care Trust (PCT) - Funded Nursing Care

Under the terms of "free nursing care" the Government states that the NHS will pay for "any services provided by a registered nurse involving the provision of care, or the planning, supervision or delegation of the provision of care, other than services which do not need to be provided by a registered nurse". Each individual will be assessed and a level of funding established according to this definition and within the three bandings defined by the Department of Health:

In England, previously the rates were within three bandings but changed to a flat rate of funding for low and medium bandings, from the 1st October 2007: -

	Previously	Now
High – For those with complex nursing care needs	£139.00	same £139.00

	Previously	Now
Medium – For those with standard nursing care needs	£87.00	£101.00

	Previously	Now
Low – For minimal nursing input at	£40.00	£101.00

For more information on the above funding, log onto: -

Care Aware - Advisory service in funding for the elderly www.careaware.co.uk

Direct Government – Website for government information www.direct.gov.uk

Department for Works and Pensions – www.dwp.gov.uk

Department of Health - www.dh.gov.uk

Devon County Council - www.devon.gov.uk

Southern Healthcare Fee Guideline

Our fees are dependant upon care and nursing assessment levels.
They are also dependant on location and type of room within the homes.
Our fee guideline below will help to give you an indication of our ranges.

Level	Weekly Amount
Low	£450 - £600
Medium	£500 - £700
High	£600 - £800
Special Needs	£800 plus

Useful Links

There are other website's that might be of help when looking for information related to the elderly and various disabilities.

The websites below are not under the control of Southern Healthcare and therefore have no responsibility for their content.

Age Concern

Provides information on ageing www.ageconern.org.uk

Help The Aged

Provides information and support relating to elderly care www.helptheaged.org.uk

Contact the Elderly

An organisation for elderly people who live alone www.contact-the-elderly.org

Care Aware

An advisory service in elderly care funding advice www.careaware.co.uk

Care Info

Provides information in the long term sector www.careinfo.org

National Health Services

The national website for the National Health Service www.nhs.uk

Patient UK

Provides information relating to health, diseases and support groups www.patient.co.uk

The Commission for Social Care Inspector

CSCI the government body for The Commission for Social Care Inspection www.csci.org.uk

English Community Care Association

Association in care sector for fair funding and regulation of homes www.ecca.org.uk

Registered Nursing Home Association

The registered Nursing Home association www.rnha.co.uk

The Mental Health Foundation

The Mental Health Foundation www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Mind

Mental Health charity in England and Wales www.mind.org.uk

The Department of Health

The National website for The Department of Health www.dh.gov.uk

The Alzheimer's Society

Website for The Alzheimer's Society www.alzheimers.org.uk

Huntington's Disease Association

Website for The Huntington's disease Association www.had.org.uk

Multiple Sclerosis Society

Website for The Multiple Sclerosis Society www.mssociety.org.uk

The Parkinson's disease Society

Website for The Parkinson's disease Society www.parkinson's.org.uk

The Motor neurone Disease Association

Website for The Motor Neurone Disease Association www.mndassociation.org