

## Adult Services

### Residential and nursing care annual charge review

The calculation of resident's contribution towards the standard rate for their residential or nursing care placement is reviewed annually in line with increases in benefit and other income.

Based on uplift data from the Governments Autumn Statement the following assumptions can be made in relation to adjusting income budgets for residential and nursing care.

Table 1. Residential and Nursing home residents in receipt of Basic Pension Credit/Income Support

Age	18-24		25-59		Over 60	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
Placement Gross Cost	£990.40	£990.40 <sup>1</sup>	£990.40	£990.40 <sup>1</sup>	£690	£690 <sup>1</sup>
Basic Pension Credit / IS	£82.30	£86.60 <sup>2</sup>	£96.35	101.40 <sup>2</sup>	137.35	142.70 <sup>2</sup>
Personal Allowance	£22.60	£23.50 <sup>3</sup>	£22.60	£23.50 <sup>3</sup>	£22.60	£23.50 <sup>3</sup>
Client Contribution	£59.70	£63.10	£73.75	£77.90	£114.75	£119.20
LBH Contribution	£930.70	£927.30	£916.65	£912.55	£575.25	£570.80
% Increase in Client contribution	-	5.66%	-	5.57%	-	3.88%
% reduction in LBH Contribution	-	0.36%	-	0.45%	-	0.77%

<sup>1</sup>Based on 0% uplift for 2012/13.

<sup>2</sup>Based on the Government's Autumn Statement.

<sup>3</sup>Estimate assuming Personal Expenses Allowance increases by 3.9% in line with Pension Credit increase in the Autumn Statement.

This approach can only be applied to those on basic levels of benefit income (as set out in Table 1), which totals approximately 50% of chargeable residents.

The increase in chargeable income for those receiving Pension Credit Savings Credit cannot be reliably estimated because the Savings Credit figure varies.

The same applies to those in receipt of Occupational Pension(s), which are expected to increase at lower than inflation, those in receipt of high State Retirement Pension and those with tariff income from savings. This accounts for 40% of those being charged. Full cost payers account for the remaining 10% of those being charged.

Taking into account the factors set out in 5.3, it is proposed that an increase of 2% be applied to income budgets for residential and nursing home care for 2012/13.

A change in the number of full cost payers will have a significant effect on the under/over achievement of income and this will be monitored as part of monthly budget management.

### Non-residential care annual charge review

The calculation of charges towards non residential care and personal budgets are calculated using the Council's Fairer Contributions policy.

Contributions are reviewed annually in line with increases in benefit and other income.

Table 2. People receiving a Personal Budget and in receipt of basic chargeable Pension Credit/Income Support

Age (% of those charged)	18-24		25-59		Over 60	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
Gross cost of Service	-	-	£200	£200 <sup>1</sup>	£200	£200 <sup>1</sup>
Client Contribution	-	-	£48.46	£51.00 <sup>2</sup>	£38.21	£40.70 <sup>2</sup>
LBH Contribution	-	-	£151.54	£149.00	£161.79	£159.35
% Increase in Client contribution	-	-	-	5.2%	-	6.41%
% reduction in LBH Contribution	-	-	-	1.66%	-	1.51%

<sup>1</sup>Based on 0% uplift for 2012/13.

<sup>2</sup>Based on the Government's Autumn Statement.

<sup>3</sup>Estimate assuming PEA increases by 3.9% in line with PC increase in the Autumn Statement

This approach can only be applied to those on basic chargeable levels of benefit income. The increase in chargeable income for all other service users cannot be reliably estimated as per 5.3 above.

Taking into account the factors set out in 2.3 and 3.3 above it is proposed that an increase of 3% be applied to income budgets for non residential care and personal budgets 2012/13.

A change in the number of full cost payers will have a significant effect on the under/over achievement of income and this will be monitored as part of monthly budget management

### Community Alarms

The current charge for Community Alarms has 2 levels of £3.50 per week for 'Call a Relative' and £5.96 for a full call out service. The proposed increase is 3% on the current charge to £3.60 and £6.14 respectively. It should be noted that a

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proportionate of service users are currently passported to a free service if they receive Housing Benefit. Where no HB is in payment, the service user is entitled to apply for a Fairer Contributions Policy assessment to determine their level of subsidy.

### **Disabled Facilities Grant – Non Council Housing Adaptation Fees**

The charge for DFG fees is based on the actual cost of the adaptation. The current fee is 12% and this has not been reviewed for a number of years. A survey of neighbouring authorities has established the current market fee level of 15%. The report is therefore proposing a fee increase from 12% to 15%.

### **Meals on Wheels**

It is proposed to increase prices by 10p (approximately 3%) per meal from £3.20 to £3.30, subject to approval by Cllr Dogus, the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community services. The last increase for meals on wheel was in 2009/10.