

## **Section 11: Adult Social Care** **Adult Services Contributions, Charges and** **Schedule of Payment Rates**

### **Contributions and Charges**

#### **Residential and Nursing Care**

Residential and Nursing Care contributions are financially assessed in line with the Department of Health's Charging for Residential Accommodation Guide (CRAG) in support of The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Regulations 1992.

Service Users with capital above the upper capital limit (currently £23,250 may increase in 2012) contribute the full cost of their placement.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> party may agree to provide additional funding to enable the service user the option of an alternative placement.

#### **Fairer Contributions Policy Self Directed Support (subject to consultation in 2012)**

Fairer Contributions guidance, which is based on the principles of Fairer Charging, requires that each service user is given a financial assessment to determine how much they can afford to

contribute towards the cost of their social care support. Advice on welfare benefits entitlement is also provided along with support to claim relevant benefits.

Service users who have capital above the limit set by the Department of Health (currently £23,250) but may be increased in April 2012) will pay a contribution that reflects the full cost of the service. This may also apply to service users who have significant levels of income.

Service users who do not wish to disclose their financial position will pay a contribution that reflects the full cost of the service.

Other service users will pay a contribution based on the assessment of their ability to contribute towards the cost of their care, with the overriding principle that these service users will have a Protected Amount (basic Income Support/Pension Guarantee level, plus 25%) before a contribution for care is made.

For service users who receive a disability benefit, the assessment process takes account of disability-related costs (subject to review and consultation in 2012). A standard figure will be used to assess disability related costs (£26 per week). However, service users are entitled to a full assessment of their disability-related costs if they feel these are more than the standard amount.

	<b>Annual equivalent value</b>	<b>Weekly equivalent value</b>
<b>Maximum contribution calculation</b>		
Your total assessable income	£13,452.86	£258.00
Less any allowable Disability Related Expenditure and Housing costs	£2,358.42	£45.23
Your net assessable income	11,094.44	£212.77
Less your protected income amount	£8,952.41	£171.69
<b>Your maximum contribution</b>	<b>£2,142.03</b>	<b>£41.08</b>

### Example of calculated contribution:

Total weekly 'assessable income'	£258.00
Less weekly housing costs	£19.23
Less weekly Disability Related Costs	£26.00
Net disposable income	£212.77
Less	
weekly protected Income Support/ Pension Credit	£171.69
<b>Maximum weekly assessable income</b>	<b>£41.08</b>

The weekly amount is then converted to an annual contribution to the personal budget – in this case £2,142.03 (£41.08 divided by 7 multiplied by 365 days)

Using the example above your notification would show the following:

If you were allocated an annual personal budget of £5,200 to support your needs, you would be asked to contribute over the year £2,142.03 and the Local Authority would contribute the balance of £3,057.97.

## **Respite**

For those people in receipt of a Personal Budget, periods of planned respite will be included within their support plan with a financial contribution made to the agreed Personal Budget amount.

Where a period of unplanned (emergency) respite is provided a separate contribution of £100 per week (or pro rata if less than a week) will be payable.

## **Reablement and Intermediate Care**

Service users will be exempt from contributions for up to six weeks of reablement and intermediate care services.

## Exemptions Waivers and Reductions

No financial contribution towards a Personal Budget will be made if the person is receiving support from the Independent Living Fund; in these cases, contributions will instead need to be paid to the ILF.

There are also no charges to:

- Service Users who receive aftercare under S117 of the Mental Health Act
- Service Users with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)

Cambridgeshire County Council can consider waiving or reducing charges in exceptional circumstances, for example undue financial hardship or carer breakdown.

## **Disabled Facilities Grants Top-Ups (subject to consultation in 2012)**

Disabled Facilities Grants ('DFGs') are mandatory, means-tested grants administered by District Councils under The Housing Grants Construction & Regeneration Act 1996. Authorities with Social Services responsibilities have a duty, under legislation, to help people who cannot afford to pay the contributions required by their assessment towards the cost of housing adaptations.

The Local Authority makes a charge for providing financial help in these circumstances – charges are calculated in accordance with Fairer Contributions regulations

Each service user is given a financial assessment to determine how much they can afford to contribute towards their adaptation, and is provided with advice on welfare benefits entitlements.

The financial assessment will disregard the first £6,000 of household capital in line with the Department for Work and Pensions benefit rules. Any capital in excess of £6,000 will be deemed to be available for the outstanding top-up funding.

For example:

Top-up amount requested	£10,000
Service user's capital	£8,000
Net difference	£2,000

£2,000 is therefore deemed to be available to contribute to the top-up amount. Therefore the outstanding top-up amount is reduced to £8,000.

Service users who do not wish to disclose their financial position will pay a contribution that reflects the full cost of the DFG Top-up amount.

Other service users will pay a contribution based on the assessment of their ability to contribute towards the DFG Top-up, with the overriding principle that these service users will have a Protected Amount (basic Income Support/Pension Guarantee level, plus 25%) before a contribution is made.

### Adult Support Service Charges 2012-13

The tables below relate only to those service users who are not yet in receipt of Self Directed Support and Personal Budgets. -

Service	Current Charge 2011-12 £	Proposed Charge 2012-13 £	Comments														
<b>Home Care</b>	£16.60 per hour	<p>Client assessed to contribute up to their maximum chargeable income.</p> <p>Clients with capital in excess of £23,250 (subject to increase in 2012) will pay <b>£17.44</b> where their service is managed by the Council*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Care costs apply to 24-hour care, Day, Evening and Night sitting services (these services should be added to normal home care hours to calculate charges - they should not be charged separately)</li> <li>• Home Care costs apply to both Independent Sector and in-house provision-</li> <li>• Hourly charges are adjusted proportionally for part hours (in units of ¼ hours)</li> <li>• There is no assessed contribution for clients under S117 or CJD</li> </ul>														
<b>Extra Care Sheltered Housing</b>	£16.60 per hour	<b>£17.44</b> per hour	<table> <tr> <td>Zero to 59 minutes per week</td> <td>17.44 per wk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 to 3.5 hours per week</td> <td>34.76 per wk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.6 – 7 hours per week</td> <td>86.96 per wk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.1 – 10 hours per week</td> <td>156.50 per wk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.1 – 15 hours per week</td> <td>226.03 per wk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15.1 – 22 hours per week</td> <td>312.88 per wk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>More than 22.1 hours per week</td> <td>352.40 per wk</td> </tr> </table>	Zero to 59 minutes per week	17.44 per wk	1 to 3.5 hours per week	34.76 per wk	3.6 – 7 hours per week	86.96 per wk	7.1 – 10 hours per week	156.50 per wk	10.1 – 15 hours per week	226.03 per wk	15.1 – 22 hours per week	312.88 per wk	More than 22.1 hours per week	352.40 per wk
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Service	Current Charge 2011-12 £	Proposed Charge 2012-13 £	Comments
<b>Group Homes Rent</b>	£42.20 per week	£44.40 per week	This is outside of Self Directed Support.
<b><i>The following contributions will only be levied for existing service users who have not yet moved to SDS and these contributions will be phased out during 2012/13</i></b>			
<b>Respite Care – Service users with more than £23,250 capital* or who do not wish to provide financial information:</b>  Short Term temporary Residential Care or in home of Carer  Provided in service user’s own home	£372.93 per week  £335.85 per week	£372.93 per week  £335.85 per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily rates to be calculated on pro-rata basis; periods of less than one day should still be charged at the daily rate.</li> <li>• Includes the Adults Placement Scheme</li> </ul> <p>* Note that this is the current capital limit, so this may increase in April 2011 when the Department of Health announce the 2011-12 limit</p>
<b>Respite Care all provision – Service users with capital of less than £23,250*:</b>  In receipt of AA or mid / high rate DLA Care Component  Not in receipt of AA or in receipt of lower rate DLA Care Component	£102.10 per week  £64.30 per week	£102.10 per week  £64.30 per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily rates to be calculated on pro-rata basis; periods of less than one day should still be charged at the daily rate</li> </ul> <p>* Note that this is the current capital limit, so this may increase in April 2011 when the Department of Health announce the 2011-12 limit</p>

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Service	Current Charge 2011-12 £	Proposed Charge 2012-13 £	Comments
<b>Day Centres for Older People</b>	£2.20 per attendance	£2.20 per attendance	<i>Subject to Review in 2012/13</i>
<b>Meals at Day Centres for Staff, Visitors and Service Users:</b> Lunch Breakfast/Afternoon Tea Cup of Tea	£3.60 £1.55 £0.30	£3.60 £1.55 £0.30	<i>Subject to Review in 2012/13</i>
<b>Day Care Transport (Excluding Older People)</b>	£1.25 per journey £2.25 return	£1.25 per journey £2.25 return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charge does not apply to service users:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Whose journey is to/from residential or respite care</li> <li>b) Whose attendance is aftercare under S117 of Mental Health Act</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <i>Subject to Review in 2012/13</i>
<b>Use of Departmental vehicles:</b> Per mile Per kilometre Drivers Per hour	£0.81 £0.51 £8.54	£0.81 £0.51 £8.54	Not affected by Self Directed Support.
<b>Lettings Charge (per hr):</b> Scale A Scale B Scale C	£20.30 £10.29 £0.00	£20.30 £10.29 £0.00	

## **Schedule of Payment Rates**

The proposed rates for 2012-13 are shown in the two tables below.

- Pricing Policy for Independent Sector Spot Purchased Residential and Nursing Care Placements in Cambridgeshire

The pricing policy is the maximum that the Council will normally pay for Residential / Nursing placements spot purchased from the independent sector in Cambridgeshire.

The Council values its partnership with the independent sector. In reviewing the pricing policy the following factors have been taken into consideration:

- The need to fund at an appropriate level to ensure an adequate supply of high quality provision
- The difficulty accessing placements in some parts of the county and the fragility of some sectors of the market
- The need to achieve efficiencies across all social care provision, both in-house and purchased from the independent sector

## **Older People**

Currently, for this client group (older people 65+) there are different rate bands based on the geographical location of the provider.

## **Other Client Groups**

It is proposed to retain the existing countywide rates for other client groups (i.e. mental health, learning disability, physical disability under pension age).



**Adult Support Services Schedule for Payment Rates for 2012-13**

Service	Current Payment 2011-12 £	Proposed Payment 2012-13 £	Comments
<b>Direct Payments to Service Users</b> Standard Hourly Rates	14.68	14.68	
<b>Voluntary Drivers</b> Per mile	0.40	0.45	
<b>Adults Services Link Payment to Carer</b> * Per week * Per night and up to 24 hrs in total * Per daytime hour (a maximum of 8 hours will be paid) Travel expenses per mile	324.45 46.44 5.80 0.40	326.08 46.68 5.83 0.45	

**Independent Sector Spot Residential / Nursing Care Placements in Cambridgeshire 2012-13**

	County Wide	Homes in Fenland & East Cambs	Homes in Huntingdonshire	Homes in Cambridge City & South Cambs
	£	£	£	£
<b>Residential Homes</b>				
Older People *		345 (343)	356 (354)	366 (364)
EMI Unit		421 (419)	423 (421)	451 (449)
Mental Health & Drug / Alcohol	308 (306)			
Learning Disability	349 (347)			
Physical Disability - Under pension age	393 (491)			
<b>Nursing Homes</b>				
Older People *		484 (482)	484 (482)	538 (535)
EMI Unit		494 (492)	494 (492)	547 (544)
Mental Health & Drug / Alcohol	449 (447)			
Learning Disability	456 (454)			
Physical Disability - Under pension age	504 (501)			

(2011-12 shown in brackets)

\* Includes Physical Disability Service Users over Pension age