

Appendix A

National Assistance Act policy: Benchmarking

This table summarises research into the approaches towards the protection of property and pets of the East Midlands shire authorities which surround Nottinghamshire.

Authority	Approach		
	<i>Eligibility – protect pets and property:</i>	<i>Time limit on storage</i>	<i>Funding</i>
Derbyshire County Council	Where someone falls under Court of Protection*	No cap on storage is specified. No period of free provision	Funded from service user's assets or estate
Leicestershire County Council	Where person admitted to hospital or Part III Accommodation where no-one else is able to take care of property	No cap on length of time for boarding or storage but reviewed every 4 weeks and after 6 months pet will be re-homed to reduce burden of cost on service user or property sold to pay for care. No period of free provision	Costs are recovered from the service user when the crisis is over, with an option to pay by instalments
Lincolnshire County Council	Where person admitted to hospital or Part III Accommodation where no-one else is able to take care of property	No cap on length of time for boarding or storage. No period of free provision	Costs are recovered from the service user when the crisis is over, with an option to pay by instalments
Nottinghamshire County Council (current)	Where person admitted to hospital or Part III Accommodation where no-one else is able to take care of property	Storage of property or boarding of pets for a 6 week period with an extension of a further 6 weeks if circumstances require. Further extensions beyond these 12 weeks are usually granted	The authority meets the cost of boarding and storage. No cost recovery from service user

*The Court of Protection makes decisions and appoints deputies to act on behalf of people who are unable to make decisions about their personal health, finance or welfare either because they lack mental capacity or are too ill. The council may be the deputy in these cases.