

Deprivation of assets



This easy read document tells you about “Deprivation of Assets” – the term used when people try to reduce the amount of money they have and the value of their property to try to pay less for their care.

What is an asset?



An asset can be money and savings or property, such as owning your home.

What is “Deprivation of Assets”?



Deprivation of Assets is where somebody makes themselves poorer, by giving away money or property, so they don’t have to pay as much as they should towards their care costs.



If somebody has done this on purpose, we will calculate their fees as if they still had the money and property.



We have [a separate easy read document that explains how we calculate the money people need to pay](#) towards their care and support costs.

What is transferring assets?



Transferring assets is when somebody gives things away or does other things to make them have less money so that they don't have to pay for their care.



Transferring assets includes:



- Giving money away.



- Transferring property deeds (house ownership) into someone else's name.



- Spending money in a way they wouldn't usually.



- Gambling.

When can assets be given away?



If assets are given away when a person know that they need or may need care, it will be decided that they have done this on purpose.



Anybody is allowed to give their assets away if they have no current, ongoing or likely social care needs.



When deciding what somebody needs to pay for their care, we will ask if they have ever owned property, such as a house.



We can ask the people who received the property to pay towards the cost of care.



If we decide that somebody owes us money (a debt) and does not pay, we can take them to court.



Before we do that, we will investigate before deciding whether the assets were given away to avoid social care costs.

Things you can do with your money.



There are some ways that assets can be used which we do not consider to be deliberate deprivation of assets. These include:



- Giving things away a long time before a person needs, or expects to need, care.



- Having a property (home) which a spouse or partner lives.



- Going on holiday in retirement when still in good health.

Advice



If you don't know if something would be counted as Deprivation of Assets, you should get independent financial and legal advice.



Our '[Your Notts Directory](#)' website has a directory of people who provide legal and financial advice. The list includes:

Money Helper

- **Money Helper**
(previously the Money Advice Service)

[Visit the Money Helper website](#) or:

Phone: 0800 138 7777



- **Citizen's Advice**

[Visit the Citizens Advice website](#), or

Phone: 03444 111 444



- **The Society of Later Life Advisers**

[Visit the SOLLA website](#), or:

Phone: 0333 2020 454

Email:

admin@societyoflaterlifeadvisers.co.uk

Which?

- **Which?**

[Visit the Which website](#), or:

Phone: 01992 822 800



- **Independent Age**

[Visit the Independent Age website](#), or:

Phone: 0800 319 6789

or: 020 7605 4200

Email: charity@independentage.org

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Links in this document

How we calculate care and support fees: easy read

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/paying-for-support-easy-read

Your Notts Directory

yournottsdirectory.org.uk/

Money Helper

moneyhelper.org

Citizens Advice

citizensadvice.org.uk

Society of Later Life Advisers (SOLLA)

societyoflaterlifeadvisers.co.uk

Which?

which.co.uk/l/personal-care

Independent Age

independentage.org

Nottinghamshire County Council – contact us form

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform

Relay UK app

www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html

SignVideo app

signvideo.co.uk/download

For plain English version of this information, go to:

[Deprivation of assets \(Nottinghamshire County Council\)](https://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care/social-care-publications/deprivation-assets)

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