

Short-term care (respite care and short breaks) – how we work out what you pay



This easy read document tells you how we work out what you pay for short-term care, including respite care and short breaks.

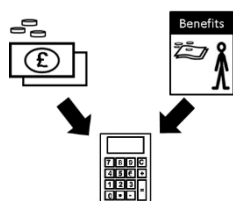
Your financial assessment



Your social worker will let our financial services team know if you need short term care.



Someone from our financial services team will need to speak with you, or someone who helps you with your money, to discuss how the care will be paid for.



We will need to arrange a full assessment of your financial circumstances.



We will use this to work out how much you can afford to pay towards the cost of your short term care.

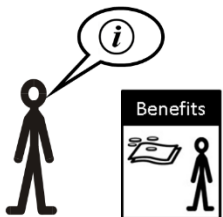


If you have given us this information recently for a different assessment, we might use that so you do not have to provide the information twice.

How much will I have to pay?



We will work out how much you can afford to pay from any **income** and **capital and Property** that you have, and any benefits you are entitled to claim.



We include all benefits you are entitled to, whether you receive them or not, so make sure you have applied for all benefits you are entitled to.



We will consider your outgoings to ensure you can still pay your household expenses.

Income

We **do count** these as income:



- **Pensions**, including:
retirement pensions
occupational pensions
private pensions
Pension Credit



- **Some benefits**, including:
Employment Support Allowance
Universal Credit
The Care Component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
Attendance Allowance



- Income from all money and finances



- Rent income from any property or land



- Earnings and income from businesses

We **do not count** these as income:



- Some benefits, including:
Disability living allowance
Personal independence payment
Winter Fuel allowance



- Retirement pension Christmas bonus

Allowances



When we look at your income and outgoings, **we make allowances** for day to day expenses, such as:

- Rent
- Mortgage interest
- Ground rent
- Council tax
- Compulsory service charge



We do not make any allowances for other expenses such as:



- Credit card, loan, catalogue repayments



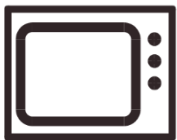
- Gardening/cleaning/window cleaning



- Equipment maintenance agreements (for example a boiler or stair lift)



- Television licence



- Sky/Virgin/BT Vision subscriptions



- Internet connections



- Mobile Telephones



- Car



- Charitable donations



- Gifts



- Magazine/Newspaper subscriptions



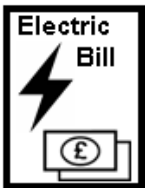
- Funeral plan



- Life insurance



- Gym membership



- Gas, electricity and telephone bills

Capital and Property

We **do count** these as Capital and Property:



- **Money or savings**, including:
 - Bank accounts
 - Building society accounts
 - Stocks and shares
 - Premium Bonds and investments



- Any **property or land** that you may own, including:
 - a holiday home
 - business premises
 - a home or property which you rent out



We **do not count** your main home when calculating your property or capital.



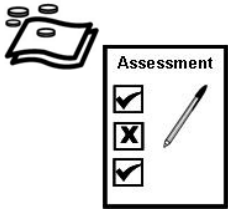
If your property and capital is worth **more than £23,250**, you will have to pay the full cost of your care.



If your property and capital is worth **less than £14,250**, we will not count it when working out how much you have to pay.



If your property and capital is worth **more than £14,250 but less than £23,250** we will take your property and capital into account when working out how much you have to pay.

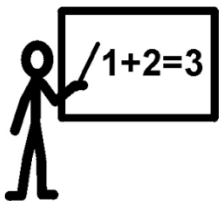


We take the value of your property and capital above £14,250 and divide it by £250. For every £250 we charge £1 per week towards the cost of your short term care.

For example:



If your property and capital is worth £15,000, this is £750 more than the £14,250 limit.



We divide the £750 by £250, and this gives us 3 – there are 3 £250s in £750.



This means that you will be charged £3 per week towards the cost of your short term care, on top of any amount calculated from your income.

Deprivation of income and savings



Some people have given away savings, property and other items, or sold property for less than what it's worth, to reduce their property and capital.



We call this "**Deprivation**"



This does not help you. If people do this we will include the value of what you have given away as we make our calculations.

Impact of family members



If you have a partner we will only count your own income, and half of the income and savings in joint accounts.



We do not count income and savings which are only in your partner's name.

Third party or top up payments



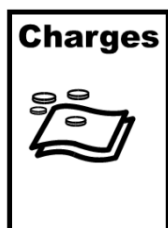
The council will help pay up to a standard limit.



You can choose to have short-term care in a home which is more expensive if somebody pays the difference.



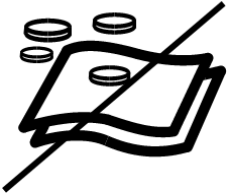
This payment is known as a “top up”.



The top up has to be paid on top of the charges we have assessed you need to pay.



The council pays the full fee to the care home and will send an invoice for the council-assessed charges and any top-up fee.



You cannot pay the top up yourself.



You, or your social worker, will need to agree who is going to pay the top-up amount and they will need to agree with the council to be responsible for it .



Your family and friends should not be asked to pay any additional amounts to the care home which have not been agreed by the council.



It is important that you tell Adult Social Care or your social care worker if you or your family are asked to pay any money directly to the care home.

What happens if the invoice isn't paid?



If you If you do not pay your fees, the council will contact you to find out why.



If there is a problem, we will try to work with you to help you to solve it.



If there is no problem and you still don't pay your bills we will have to take recovery action. If we are unable to recover the money we will have to consider a court action.

Customer Service Centre



If you have more questions, you can contact our Customer Service Centre. They can answer most of your questions and help with information and form filling.

There are several ways to contact them, including:



Web: [Use our online contact form](#)



Telephone: 0300 500 80 80



Text Relay: 18001 0115 977 4050

People who have hearing or speech difficulties and prefer to communicate via text can use the Text Relay service through the [Relay UK app](#).



Sign Video

People who use British Sign Language to communicate can use [the SignVideo app](#) to speak with us.

Financial Assessment & Assistance Team



If you have any questions about financial assessments, you can contact the Adult Social Care's financial assessment and assistance team.

You can contact them by:

Phone: 0115 977 5760

(option 3)

Email:

acfs.financialassessments@nottscg.gov.uk.



If you would like to discuss payment of your invoices or the balance of your account, please contact our debt recovery team: by:

Phone: 0115 977 2727

(option 2, then option 1)

Email: debtrecovery@nottsc.gov.uk.

Links in this document

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

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