

ADULT SOCIAL CARE – CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS

2008/09 NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICE USER CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Contributions

Assessed Contributions

Home Care	£8.80 per hour
Day Care Attendance	£3.00 per day
Transport to Day Care	£1.20 per day
Maximum Charge	£88.00 per week

Flat-rate Contributions

Meals	£2.20 per 2-course meal £1.30 per cold second meal (currently available through 7-day meals pilot only)
Respite Care/Family Placement	£73.95 per week for people aged over 60 £65.20 week for people aged 25 to 60 (£39.35 if not in receipt of Disability Premium) £52.65 per week for people aged under 25 (£26.80 if not in receipt of Disability Premium)

Assessment Methodology

Capital/interest from capital not taken into account in the financial assessment

50% of disposable income after allowable expenses assessed as being available towards service user contributions

Income Included in the Financial Assessment

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State Retirement Pension
Occupational Pension
Guarantee Credit (Pension Credit)
Attendance Allowance
Disability Living Allowance
War Disability Pension (first £10 per week disregarded)
War Widows Pension (first £10 per week disregarded)

Income Excluded

Earnings
Working Tax Credit
Savings Credit (Pension Credit)
Mobility Allowance
War Widows Supplementary Pension

Allowances Given in the Financial Assessment

Personal Allowances

Basic Income Support/Pension Credit plus 25% - the figures vary depending on the benefits being received, but the minimum weekly amounts for each age group are:

Aged 60 or over	£155.06
Aged 25 to 59	£75.63
Aged 18 to 24	£49.94

Housing Costs

Mortgage/rent payments (less any Housing Benefit received)
 Council Tax (less any Council Tax benefit received)
 Water rates

Disability Related Expenses

Additional heating costs (using regional figures issued by the National Association of Financial Assessment Officers)
 Additional laundry costs (using regional figures issued by the National Association of Financial Assessment Officers)
 Additional dietary costs
 Community alarm costs
 Costs of equipment purchased (converted to a weekly amount)
 Costs of help with domestic tasks or gardening
 Costs of care purchased (if part of care plan)
 Other costs associated with maintaining independence

Example of Financial Assessment Calculation

	Per Week £	Per Week £
<u>Income</u>		
Pension Credit	60.50	
Attendance Allowance	67.00	
State Retirement Pension	101.20	
Occupational Pension	12.70	
		241.40
<u>Allowances</u>		
Personal allowance	155.06	
Water rates	4.50	No other housing costs as entitled to full Housing and Council Tax Benefit
Heating allowance	3.20	
Laundry allowance	3.05	
Domestic help	12.00	
Gardening	6.00	
Stair lift	2.90	
Taxis	15.00	
Disposable Income (income less allowances)		39.69
Maximum assessed as payable towards services (50% of disposable income)		19.85

