

	Agreed charges 2014/15			Proposed charges 2015/16				Basis for charging
	Basic	VAT	Total	Basic	VAT	Total	Change %	
	£	£	£	£	£	£		
<p>The Care Act 2014 establishes a universal deferred payment scheme from April 2015 so that service users will not have to sell their home in their lifetime to pay for their care. The scheme is intended to be run on a cost neutral basis, with local authorities able to recoup associated costs.</p> <p>The Council is currently developing its policy. The charges, at present, are expected to be in line with the prescribed Office of Public Guardian Fees, however these will be reviewed over time to ensure full cost recovery only.</p>								
1. Legal Costs for Charge against Property	Up to 350.00		Up to 350.00	Up to 350.00	-	350.00	-	Discretionary
2. Client Account Management inc Appointeeship	385.00		385.00	385.00	-	385.00	0.00%	Discretionary
6. Supported Accommodation - 56 Weldon Crescent								
These rates represents the licence fee payable to the Council.								Discretionary
Weekly Charge	124.13		124.13	129.1		129.10	4.00%	Discretionary

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<p><u>Care & Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014</u></p> <p>The Care Act will introduce a single legal framework for charging for care and support (section 14-17), including discretion as to whether or not to charge. Where a local authority arranges care and support to meet a service users needs, it may charge the adult, except where the local authority is required to arrange care and support free of charge. The legal provision to enable these specific charging provisions to be made have yet to be implemented, however these are expected to be fully implemented in time for the new regime to apply from April 2015.</p> <p>The principle is that service users should only be required to pay what they can afford. Regulations determine the maximum amount a local authority can charge.</p> <p>Only in care homes, where the financial assessment identifies that a service users resources exceed the capital limits, is the local authority precluded from paying towards the costs of care.</p> <p>The upper financial limit is current set at £23,250. Below this level a person can seek means-tested support from the local authority. Where a person's resources are below the lower capital limit of £14,250 they will not need to contribute to the cost of their care and support from their capital. The Council applies a 'tariff' or graduated scale to reflect income received on capital and assets held between the upper and lower limits.</p> <p>Further reforms to the Adult Social Care system are expected to cap the amount some service users will pay towards their cost of care. This cap is expected to be set at £72,000 and come into place from April 2016, however Government consultation is ongoing and further guidance is awaited.</p> <p>The Council's Fairer Contributions Policy (to be updated post Care Act introduction from April 2015) sets out the policy. This policy requires that all service users who are eligible to receive chargeable services (except Meals on Wheels) are required to go through a financial assessment process to determine their ability to pay.</p>								