

People (Adults) Fees and Charges

Appendix 4

h	Agreed Charges 2023/24				Proposed Charges 2024/25				Comments	Legislation/Power to Charge	Basis for charging
	Basic	VAT	Total	Change %	Basic	VAT	Total	Change %			
Social Care Services											
1. Day care (per 5 hour session – 10am to 3pm)											
The charges proposed are in line with current staff ratios, where increased levels of support are required charges will increase.											
Internally provided services – internal clients	61.50		61.50	6.96%	74.00		74.00	20.33%	agreed at full cost recovery by Councillors	s14, Care Act 2014	Statutory Discretionary
Internally provided services – external clients	71.50		71.50	5.15%	84.00		84.00	17.48%	agreed at full cost recovery by Councillors	s14, Care Act 2015	Statutory Discretionary
1. Day Care (per 1 hour session)											
The charges proposed are in line with current staff ratios, where increased levels of support are required charges will increase.											
Internally provided services – internal clients	12.50		12.50	8.70%	14.80		14.80	18.40%	agreed at full cost recovery by Councillors	s14, Care Act 2015	
Internally provided services – external clients	14.50		14.50	7.41%	16.80		16.80	15.86%	agreed at full cost recovery by Councillors	s14, Care Act 2015	
2. In House Residential Services (Per weekly cost)											
The charges proposed are in line with current staff ratios, where increased levels of support are required charges will increase.											
Bedford House	1,286.00		1,286.00	0.00%	1,286.00		1,286.00	0.00%	Operating model at Bedford House in development and will require new charges from April 2024. Will be two charges - one for the residential setting (12 beds) and one for the supported accommodation setting (10 beds). Agreed to leave charge the same as 23/24 until new charges available		
14/15 Kenton Road	1,144.00		1,144.00	0.00%	1,168.00		1,168.00	2.10%	uplifted due to pay award of 3% assumed		
7 Kenton Road	229.00		229.00	0.00%	233.00		233.00	1.75%	uplifted due to pay award of 3% assumed		
Metropolitan & Hestia Supported Living Accomodation	165.00		165.00	0.00%	173.00		173.00	4.85%	uplifted by 5% - procured contract contained no inflationary clauses		
3. Transport (per journey)											
Harrow Special Needs Transport – rate per day	38.0		38.0	7.00%	40.50		40.50	6.58%		s14, Care Act 2015	Statutory Discretionary
4. Court of Protection Charges											
Part 19 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017 and the accompanying Practice Direction sets out the fixed costs that may be claimed by solicitors and public authorities acting in Court of Protection proceedings and the fixed amounts of remuneration that may be claimed by solicitors and office holders in public authorities appointed to act as a deputy.											
1. Up to Court Application Stage	745.00		745.00	0.00%	745.00		745.00	0.00%		Practice Direction 19B to Part 19 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017	Statutory Prescribed
2. 1 st Year Annual Management Fee	775.00		775.00	0.00%	775.00		775.00	0.00%		Practice Direction 19B to Part 19 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017	Statutory Prescribed
3. Subsequent Years Management Fee - an amount not exceeding £650	650.00		650.00	0.00%	650.00		650.00	0.00%		Practice Direction 19B to Part 19 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017	Statutory Prescribed
Where the net assets of the Citizen are below £16,000, the local authority deputy for property and affairs may take an annual management fee not exceeding 3.5% of Citizen's net assets on the anniversary of the court order appointing the local authority as deputy											
Where the court appoints a local authority deputy for health and welfare, the local authority may take an annual management fee not exceeding 2.5% of Citizen's net assets on the anniversary of the court order appointing the local authority as deputy up to a mazimum of £555											
4. Annual Property Management Fee	300.00		300.00	0.00%	300.00		300.00	0.00%		Practice Direction 19B to Part 19 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017	Statutory Prescribed
5. Annual Report to Public Guardian.	216.00		216.00	0.00%	216.00		216.00	0.00%		Practice Direction 19B to Part 19 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017	Statutory Prescribed
6. Preparation of a basic HMRC income tax return	70.00		70.00	0.00%	70.00		70.00	0.00%		Practice Direction 19B to Part 19 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017	Statutory Prescribed

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7. Preparation of complex HMRC Income Tax return	140.00		140.00	0.00%	140.00		140.00	0.00%	Practice Direction 19B to Part 19 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017	statutory Prescribed
5. Appointeeships										
All charges will be levied on the basis of the prescribed OPG rates detailed in section 3 above Court of Protection Charges.										
1. Annual Administration Fee - Where the net assets of Citizen are below £16,000, the local authority may take an annual management fee not exceeding 3.5% of Citizen's net assets										
6. Deferred Payments Charges										
The Care Act 2014 established 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 costs detailed below are calculated to ensure full cost recovery.										
1. Legal Costs for unmortgaged property (est)	500.00		500.00	0.00%	500.00		500.00	0.00%	Care and Support (Deferred Payment) Regulations 2013	Statutory Discretionary
2. Legal Costs for mortgaged property (est)	750.00		750.00	0.00%	750.00		750.00	0.00%	Care and Support (Deferred Payment) Regulations 2013	Statutory Discretionary
3. Disbursements	100.00		100.00	0.00%	100.00		100.00	0.00%	Care and Support (Deferred Payment) Regulations 2013	Statutory Discretionary
4. Valuation Fee	365.00		365.00	#REF!	379.00		379.00	3.84%	Care and Support (Deferred Payment) Regulations 2013	Statutory Discretionary
5. Annual Management Fee	650.00		650.00	0.00%	650.00		650.00	0.00%	Care and Support (Deferred Payment) Regulations 2013	Statutory Discretionary
6. Termination Charge	200.00		200.00	0.00%	200.00		200.00	0.00%	Care and Support (Deferred Payment) Regulations 2013	Statutory Discretionary
7. Charges for arranging care for self funders										
The Care Act 2014 gave councils the ability to charge self-funders for putting in place their care and support services to ensure full cost recovery but not to profit from such charges. These charges were introduced in April 2020 for citizens, who self-fund their care in this respect.										
Set up of the initial care package	483.00		483.00	4.09%	515.00		515.00	6.63%	Care Act 2014	Discretionary
Annual Review of Care Package	261.00		261.00	6.97%	279.00		279.00	6.90%	Care Act 2014	Discretionary

Care & Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014

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 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.

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.

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. These limits are set by the Department for Work and Pensions and the Council will be notified ahead of the 1st April 2024 should these change.

The Council's Fairer Contributions Policy sets out the policy. This