

## **FREE PERSONAL CARE - Government Legislation from 1 July 2002**

While you are in residential care you will be entitled to £248.70 per week towards the cost of your personal care. This will be paid directly to the care home.

While Free Personal Care of £248.70 is provided to the care home on your behalf, you will no longer be eligible to receive Attendance Allowance, the care component of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment. If you have been receiving any of these benefits, you must inform the Department for Work and Pensions of the change in your circumstances.

# **Community Care**



## **Financial Assessment for Residential Care**

**RESIDENTIAL CARE CHARGES -  
April 2024 TO MARCH 2025**

**PERMANENT CARE CHARGES:**

**HOMES OPERATED BY  
SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL**

The Council is obliged to charge the full economic cost of the service provided. The maximum charge in any of the care homes operated by Shetland Islands Council in 2024/2025 will be £1,898 per week.

Edward Thomason & Taing Support Services, Lerwick  
Fernlea Care Centre, Whalsay  
Isleshavn Care Centre, Mid Yell  
Montfield Support Services, Lerwick  
Nordalea Care Centre, Unst  
North Haven Care Centre, Brae  
Overtonlea Care Centre, Levenwick  
Wastview Care Centre, Walls

**INDEPENDENT CARE HOMES** - Price negotiated on an individual basis.

**TEMPORARY CARE CHARGES** - All residential care settings are £378 per week. The temporary care rate applies for 8 weeks only; thereafter the full cost is applied. Daily rates are 1/7 of the weekly charge.

**All charges are subject to financial assessment as described in this leaflet.**

## IMPORTANT NOTE

This is an outline **ONLY**. For more information, answers to queries and any other assistance you may require, please contact:

Lorne Anderson  
**Financial Assessment Officer**  
Community Health & Social Care  
Grantfield  
Lerwick  
Shetland  
ZE1 0NT

Tel: 01595 743826

Current residential charges are shown on the next page. These charges are reviewed annually.

A leaflet, 'Charging for Permanent Residential Care' is also available from any of the Community Care offices.

This leaflet can be provided in audio form, if required.

This leaflet is updated in April each year.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is also available to offer help and advice. They can be contacted at: Market House, 14 Market Street, Lerwick, ZE1 0JP Tel: 01595 694696.

## WHO SHOULD READ THIS LEAFLET?

You should read this leaflet if you are either:

- Someone who goes into a residential home for **temporary** care; **or**
- Thinking of moving **permanently** into a residential home; **or**
- An existing resident in a local authority home; **or**
- A relative, carer and/or friend requested to read this leaflet by any of the persons above.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT?

The purpose of the assessment is to work out how much of the residential accommodation charge will be paid by the Council, and how much will be paid by you.

To work this out, you will need to give details of your income, your savings and in some circumstances what property you own.

## WHEN IS THE ASSESSMENT MADE?

- If you are planning a period of temporary care in a residential home a financial assessment needs to be made each time before you arrange a stay;
- If you are thinking of moving permanently in to a residential home a financial assessment needs to be made before you accept a place;
- If you are already living in a residential home a financial assessment needs to be made if your financial circumstances change.

## WHO DOES THE FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT?

Community Care Services employs a **Financial Assessment Officer** to carry out these assessments. Contact details are overleaf.

## WHAT IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE ASSESSMENT?

- Weekly income from all sources.
- Value of property in certain circumstances.
- If you have savings of between £21,500 and £35,000 you will have to make a weekly contribution from this of £1 for every £250 (or part of £250) you have over the lower limit.

- If you have savings or assets worth more than £35,000 you will have to pay the full charge.

## WHAT IS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE ASSESSMENT?

- You are allowed to retain £34.50 per week for personal expenses.
- Savings and assets to the value of £21,500 are disregarded in full.
- Some weekly income from the Department for Work and Pensions benefits is disregarded.
- Value of property in certain circumstances is disregarded.

## WHAT IF MY CAPITAL REDUCES?

- If you are in residential care, and your savings fall to £35,000 you should inform the Financial Assessment Officer immediately, as you will be entitled to a financial assessment and your care charges may be significantly reduced.

## FOR TEMPORARY CARE

The Local Authority will disregard an additional sum towards home commitments.