



## Appendix P: Implications of choosing a more expensive care home

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*Important information for anyone considering moving to a care home:*

If the Council is to assist with funding your care home – now or in the future - your care home **MUST** meet the following conditions:

- the home must be able to meet all your care needs
- the home must be willing to enter into a contract with us and meet our terms and conditions
- the home must not cost more than we normally pay (*unless there are no vacancies in suitable local homes which accept our normal price*).

### **If you choose a more expensive care home**

And there are alternative homes which accept our normal price you:

- can choose to go to a more expensive home but
- you must have a relative or friend who is willing to pay the extra cost (top-up) for you.



*You cannot legally make top-up payments from your own funds or resources, so they are known as ‘third-party top-ups’.*

**It is very important to realise the implications of choosing a more expensive home if you require Reading Borough Council funding – now or in the future - even if you have identified a willing third party to pay the additional fees:**

- your third-party will have to pay the top-up for as long as you are in the home
- the amount of the top-up required will increase in the future
- your third-party will be asked to provide evidence that they can afford to pay, and they will be asked to sign a contract committing them to make the additional payments to the Council before the Council will agree to funding
- if your third-party becomes unable or unwilling to continue to pay, then you are likely to have to move to a less expensive home which charges only what we would normally expect to pay

Your social care worker may ask you to sign a copy of this sheet to confirm that:

- you have read the information above
- you have had the information in it explained to you
- you understand the implications of choosing a more expensive home and third-party top-ups.

<b>Service User Name:</b>	
<b>Signed:</b> <i>(service user or legal representative)</i>	
<b>Print name:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
RBC worker name:	
RBC worker signature:	