



10C: Financial Assessment and Charging for Short-Term/Respite stays in a Care Home (up to 28 Nights)



You should read this section in conjunction with [Information that applies to all financial assessments](#)

Short stays /respite stays in a care home are not free¹.

If your care and support plan includes planned breaks in a care home you may be entitled to financial support from the Council to help towards your care costs. How much help you get is based on the outcome of a financial assessment.

Assessed Maximum Weekly Contribution

We use our [Charging rules for non-residential care and support](#) to work out your Assessed Maximum Weekly Contribution towards planned short stay/respite care home fees (where a short/respite stay is planned to last no more than 28 nights).

This is the most you could be asked to pay per week towards all the care and support services identified in your Care and Support Plan, including planned short/respite stays in a care home

You may not need to pay as much as this. How much you pay depends on the average weekly cost of your care (your agreed weekly Personal Budget²).

Your Weekly Personal Budget

We work out the amount we think it will cost to pay for your planned care and support services for the year - including any planned short respite breaks - and divide this by 52 to get the average weekly cost - your Weekly Personal Budget:

- If your Weekly Personal Budget is less than your Assessed Maximum Weekly Contribution your actual charge will be your Weekly Personal Budget amount.
- If your Weekly Personal Budget is more than your Assessed Maximum Weekly Contribution you will only pay your Assessed Maximum Contribution - the Council will pay the rest.

¹ If your short stay is an "Intermediate Care Service" it may be provided free for a short period – see [Care and Support Services provided free of charge](#).

² Your Personal Budget is the amount we think it will cost to pay for services to meet the unmet eligible care and support needs identified by your social care assessment.

- If your Assessed Maximum Weekly Contribution is 'Nil' (zero or less than the Council's minimum assessed charge³) you won't need to pay anything towards your care and support.

See [Appendix F: Example Care Charges Calculations](#).

If you choose a care home that costs more than we would normally pay

See our [Choice of Accommodation and Additional Payments Policy](#)

If your short/respite stay lasts more than 28 nights

We will re-calculate your Assessed Maximum Weekly Contribution for the 29th night onwards using rules for [Temporary Care Home Stays](#)

If your savings and investments are above the Upper Capital Limit⁴

You won't be entitled to financial support from the Council and must pay the full cost of your short/respite stays. However:

- you are still entitled to a social care assessment and information and advice to help you choose and arrange a suitable care home that can meet your care and support needs.
- You have the right to ask us to arrange and manage your care and support services for you. If you do this we will allocate and manage a Personal Budget for you and charge you the full cost of your Personal Budget plus [Arrangement Fees](#) to pay towards our administration costs.

³ See [Appendix B: Financial Assessment Allowances Schedule](#)

⁴ See [Appendix A: Capital Limits Schedule](#)