

What will I have to pay? Your Financial Assessment

How much will I have to pay for any care services I receive?

There are charges for some social care or support services which you may have to pay. The amount you have to pay will vary depending on the service and your income and savings. For some care services you may not have to pay anything towards the cost of the services which you receive. For care homes you will always have to contribute something towards the cost of your care.

How does Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council decide how much I have to pay for the services I receive?

We need to look at your income and any savings you have to decide if you have to pay towards the cost of the services we provide. To do this we will offer you a Financial Assessment. This will be completed by the Fairer Charging Team. The Financial Assessment is usually completed after your care package is started. However, you can also choose to do this assessment before your services start. You do not have to have a Financial Assessment. If you choose not to have a Financial Assessment you will have to pay the full cost of the care services which you receive.

What happens after my Financial Assessment?

When we have collected all the financial information you will be asked to sign a form to declare that the information you have given us is correct. The information you provide will be used to calculate how much you need to pay towards the cost of the care services which you receive.

What is a Financial Assessment?

An Officer will visit you to talk to you about your financial circumstances. The Officer will work with you to look at:

- ♣ **How much money you get each week** – e.g. Pensions, Income Support, Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance and other benefits. It is sometimes necessary to contact the Department of Work and Pensions so we can get more detailed information about the benefits you receive.
- ♣ **What bills you have to pay each week** – e.g. Utility bills such as rent, Council Tax, mortgage, gas, electric and insurance etc.
- ♣ **What money you have in savings** – e.g. shares, bonds and any property that you own but don't live in.
- ♣ **Any extra costs that you pay for any special needs** – e.g. The cost of stair lifts or wheelchairs and any private help which you may have with gardening, cleaning, laundry and personal care.
- ♣ **The value of the home which you live in** – For all care services other than those provided in a care home we will not take into account the value of your home when calculating how much money you will have to pay.

If we have agreed that your needs will best be met in a care home we will consider the value of your home. We may ignore the value of your home if your husband, wife or partner is still living there.