

# Charging for Adult Social Care Services

## Your Annual Review 2025

### **Why do I need an annual review?**

We need to work out what change is needed to your contribution when benefits and pensions change in April. This year we have estimated your change in line with benefit increase levels. We may still contact you later in the year to fill out a form to make sure the charges are correct.

### **What guidance do you use to charge me?**

Guidance issued under the Care Act 2014 by the Department of Health, known as 'Care and Support Statutory Guidance'. This is designed to help us charge for services in a fair way.

### **How do you work out what you will charge me?**

We use information you have told us about your capital, for example savings, shares and property, as well as your weekly income from benefits and other sources. An allowance is made for essential expenses. As the allowances have been increased by central government, the expenses we have allowed have changed. Your income plus any tariff income from savings, less your allowances is how much you need to pay towards your services.

### **What happens about my savings and investments?**

If your savings and investments are less than £14,250, they will not affect our calculations of your contribution. If your savings are above £14,250 we add £1 per week to your charge for every £250 (or part of £250) above this level. We call this tariff income. If your savings and investments are more than £23,250, then you will be charged the full cost of the service.

Examples of what is counted as savings, capital and investments include money held in the bank or building societies, premium bonds, national savings certificates, post office accounts, cash, ISAs and stocks and shares.

### **What action do I need to take now?**

As normal, if your circumstances have changed you must let us know **within 1 month** of the change. If you think this assessment is wrong it is important that you let us know and send us any information showing what you think we need to change. If your contribution should be higher because you have not told us about a change, or this assessment is wrong you will have to pay back the extra charges you should have paid.

### ***If you would like further information about financial assessments – please contact:***

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