

IDEAS FOR CHANGES TO ADULT CARE

Why have we come up with these ideas for changes to Adult Care?



The Government has asked all councils to make some savings.



The number of service users that Adult Care needs to help is growing. This will cost more money.

The ideas that we have come up with should allow us to continue providing support to the people that need it. We want to know what you think about these ideas.

What are these ideas?

CO-FUNDING



You will have your needs assessed and you will be allocated a personal budget. This is the amount of money you have to buy the services you need. We can manage this budget for you, you can receive it as a direct payment or you could have a mixture of both.



We are suggesting that you will be asked to make a payment towards your personal budget if you receive attendance allowance or disability living allowance to help with your care needs. This payment would be £23.90 per week which is the same as half of the lower rate of attendance allowance or half of the middle rate of disability living allowance (care).

This payment will be the same no matter what your personal budget is.



If you have more than £50,000 in savings or own a house in addition to your main home you will be asked to pay more.

Other local councils already ask for payments towards services.

We think co-funding would save the council between £6.5 million and £8.5 million.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

When you have an assessment, your needs will be assessed as either low, moderate, substantial or critical.

Currently people get support or services from Adult Care if their needs are assessed as moderate, substantial or critical.

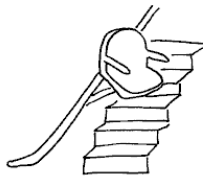
We are suggesting that people with moderate needs will no longer get a personal budget. We think these people will often be able to meet their needs from their attendance allowance or disability living allowance.

They may also be able to access preventative services such as reablement, emergency home respite support for carers, First Contact and the Handyvan scheme amongst others.

If you have been assessed as having moderate needs you will not lose your services, at that level, without a full assessment of your needs.

We think that this change to the criteria would save the council around £4 million over the next four years.

STAIR LIFT MAINTENANCE



All new stair lifts will get a 12 month guarantee. After this there will be an option to buy an extended warrantee, to fix and look after the stair lift. This currently costs £122 per year.

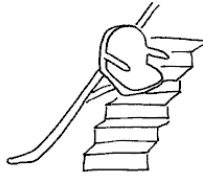
If you currently have a stair lift or hoist at home it is fixed and looked after by the council, free of charge to you.



We are suggesting that in the future people who already have a stair lift pay £122 a year to buy an extended warrantee.

We think this change to stair lift maintenance would save the council over £800,000.

DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT



A Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) gives help to disabled people who need major adaptations to their homes. This could be, for example, a stair lift, changes to a bathroom or improving access to your home.

Currently the council provides an assessment of needs for each person. If you are asked to contribute towards the costs of the adaptation, the council provides an automatic payment of up to £2000.

We are suggesting that instead of giving money to everybody automatically, we only give money to the people who need it the most. This would be the people who have the least money.



We will work together with the District and Borough councils to use the money from this grant to improve services.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLEDGES

1. If you are currently receiving services from Adult Care you will be not lose services, at that level, without a full assessment of your future needs.
2. You will have a choice of which services you receive.
3. Any payment you will be asked to make towards your care will be taken from the benefits you receive for your care needs and will not be taken from any income related benefits or pensions. This will be the case unless you have more than £50,000 in savings or own a house in addition to your main home.
4. Any payment you will be asked to make towards your care will not be greater than half of the lower rate of attendance allowance which is the same as half of the middle rate of Disability Living Allowance (care). This is currently £23.90 per week. If you have more than £50,000 in savings or own a house in addition to your main home you will be asked to pay more.