

Information about funding

This information may help if you are thinking of applying for funding (or financial support) from Staffordshire County Council.

Staffordshire County Council have a team of people who can help you by providing advice on

- What services are available
- Arranging care to meet your needs
- How much your contribution will be.

If you are assessed as needing care in a **Residential or Nursing Home** and have more than £23,250 in capital it is unlikely that Staffordshire County Council can help with funding. Residential Care includes Respite Care and Long Stay Care.

However, if you are assessed as needing **Non Residential Services** the capital limit changes to £25,000. Non Residential Care includes Home Care, Direct Payments, Day Opportunities (including Day Care and Day Services) and Flexi Care (also known as Extra Care).

A **Social Worker** will visit you to carry out a care assessment. They will help you to understand what kind of care best suits your needs and whether the County Council will provide any funding.

A **Financial Assessment Officer** will tell you how much you can pay towards the cost of your care. To work out your contribution they will ask you about your income and capital. They will also carry out a Welfare Benefits Check to ensure you are receiving your full benefit entitlements.

There is national guidance which explains how financial assessments are carried out. This includes national legislation called CRAG (Charges for Residential Accommodation Guide), and the Fairer Charging Guidance for Non Residential Care. These are available on the Department of Health's website at www.doh.gov.uk.

Additionally, Staffordshire County Council has a 'Partnership for Care' Policy which was introduced on 8 August 2011. This explains our new contribution policy, which covers Non Residential Services and Respite Care services. It is available on the County Council's website at www.staffordshire.gov.uk.

Self Funding

You may be able to meet the full costs of your own social care needs without the help of Staffordshire County Council. This may be because your capital is above the capital limits of either £23,250 (Residential or Nursing Home Care) or £25,000 (Non Residential Services) or you do not wish to disclose details of your finances.

Staffordshire County Council can still

- Arrange a benefits check to make sure you are receiving the benefits that you are entitled to;
- and**
- Provide you with details of organisations that can help you with independent advice.

For more information

For more information:

You can visit us at one of our Customer Access Points
or visit our website at www.staffordshirecares.info
or Telephone: 0300 111 8010