Help for self-funders.

What is a self-funder?



A self-funder is someone who pays for their own care without help from the council.

This could be because:



- Their savings are over £23,250.
- They don't want a financial assessment.
- They don’t fill out the financial assessment forms.

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Can the council still help?

If you are a self-funder, you can:



Ask for a social care assessment just like people who get funding from the council.



Get advice on care options and help making a care plan.



If your savings fall below £23,250.00, you may be able to get help with the cost of your care from the council.



Contact **Staffordshire Cares** when your savings fall below £30,000, to talk about the options.

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What happens when I contact you?



A Social Worker will talk with you to see what help you need and if you are eligible for care.



You will need to fill out a **financial assessment** to check if you can get financial support.



You must continue paying for your care during the assessment.

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Will my care stay the same?



After your assessment, we'll make sure that your care needs are met.

If your current care costs more than the council will pay, we might need to make some changes.

This could include:



- Finding a new care provider whose fees meet the amount the council will pay.

or



- Asking a family member, to pay towards your care so that you don't have to change.

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Questions



Contact **Staffordshire Cares**

0300 1118010



Visit the Staffordshire County Council website for more information.



You can also get information on paying for social care from Citizens Advice, Age UK, and Money Advice Service.

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