What is a Financial Assessment?



Adult social care isn't free. A financial assessment helps us to work out how much you can pay towards your care.

It will be carried out by a Financial Assessment Officer who will support you through the assessment.



If you have savings **over** £23,250, you will need to pay the full cost of your care yourself.

If you have savings **under** £23,250, a financial assessment will work out what you need to pay.

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Doing your financial assessment

Your social worker will tell you if you need a Financial Assessment.



You can complete it:

- Online or over the phone
- By post or email

We can provide information indifferent ways including:



- Easy Read
- Different languages
- With an interpreter if needed



A family member or friend can help you during your assessment.

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Getting ready for your financial assessment

Start getting your information ready. You will need to show us proof of:



- Your savings



- Your income which includes:
  Earnings
  Pensions
  Benefits



- Your housing costs such as rent

If you don’t have all this information, tell us and we will help you.



We will remind you what to send and when. Tell us if you'll be late, or you may have to pay the full cost of your care.

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What happens next?



We will tell you how much you need to pay towards your care and when you need to start paying.

You must tell us if your money situation changes.



Even if you pay the full amount of your care yourself, we can still:

- Give you guidance
- Help you plan your care
- Help arrange care at home



If your savings go below £30,000, you can ask for another financial assessment by calling Staffordshire Cares on:

0300 111 8010

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