

INFORMATION FOR SELF FUNDING RESIDENTS

If you have to go into residential care and you have capital over £23,250 excluding the value of any property you own, you will need to fund the cost of care yourself as there is no financial support from the local authority.

When your capital falls below this limit, you will be eligible to apply to the local authority for assistance in paying your residential care fees. At this time, a financial assessment will be carried out, and the value of your capital and assets, including your property, will be taken into account in determining how much you can afford to pay for your care. You will never be pressured into selling your house in your lifetime to pay for your care, and all efforts will be made to ensure that you can afford your care fees on a day to day basis.

You should be aware that as a self-funding resident you are entitled to claim Attendance Allowance at the higher rate to assist with the cost of your accommodation. Please contact the Disability Benefits Unit, Warbreck House, Warbreck Hill, Blackpool FY2 OYE (Tel: 0800 7310122) who will advise you.

Whilst you do not need support from the local authority at this moment, you should be aware that you should not deliberately dispose of any large sums of money, or property, in order to reduce your assets, and therefore need assistance from the local authority to pay your fees at an earlier stage than would be expected. This can be seen as a deliberate deprivation of assets and can affect the amount you would be expected to pay towards your care fees.

If you have any questions about making gifts to family or friends, or disposing of property or other valuables, please call Adult Social Care Finance on 01642 726004 and we will be able to advise you.

Middlesbrough Council, Adult Social Care