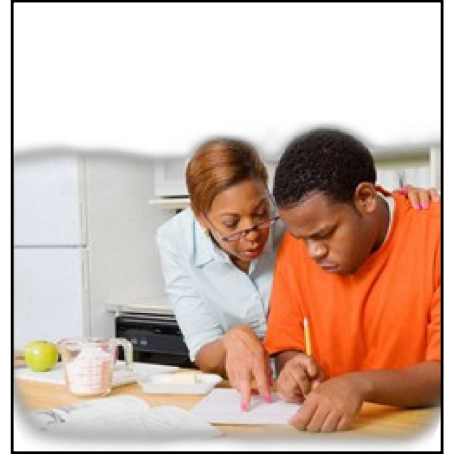
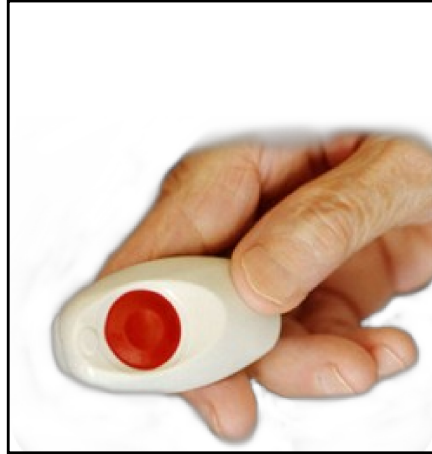


Paying for your care

A brief guide to the charges for services provided to adults living at home and in residential care 2024/25



Care Services provided at home

Bury Council will assess your care and support needs free of charge. The cost of your needs will be calculated. The amount of money required to purchase the services you need is called your personal budget.

- **Care and support services are not free.**

A financial assessment is offered to see if you can receive any help towards the costs. This assessment will be completed in your home, by phone or by posting a form. We will ask you about your income and savings to see what help you may be entitled to. If you choose not to disclose these details you will be required to pay the full amount of your care.

- **If you have savings or investments that are valued at £23,250 or above,** you will not receive any financial help towards the cost of the care and support services you need.

- **If you own property,** we do not count the value of the home that you live in but we will count the value of any other properties you own or have a share in.

- **After your financial assessment,** you will be advised how much you will be expected to contribute to your personal budget to meet your care costs. Your package of care and support may cost more than your financial assessment shows you can afford to pay.

- **You will receive an invoice** from Bury Council for the amount your assessment shows you can afford. If you receive a personal budget to arrange your own care services Bury Council will pay the gross amount agreed in to the required account and send you an invoice for your personal contribution.

- **You will also be given advice** about any benefits you may be entitled to. It is important to claim these. If it appears you may have entitlement to benefits, you will be offered assistance to help you make your claim.

Short stays in residential care

Bury Council will assess your care needs free of charge.

- **Care and support services are not free.**
You will need to pay for the time you spend in residential care. There is a standard minimum charge for everyone of £139.35 per week.
- **A financial assessment is offered** to see if you can receive any help towards the costs of your short stay in residential care. You will be given the application form (F1) when you have your care needs assessed. If you want to apply for help with the cost, you will need to complete the form and send it back to us. We will ask you to tell us about your income, savings and any housing costs you may have. You will need to provide evidence of what you tell us on the form. If you choose not to disclose these details you will be required to pay the full amount of your care.
- **If you have savings or investments that are valued at £23,250 or above**, you will not receive any financial help towards the cost of your short stay. We do not count the value of your home where you normally live.
- **When you have sent in your application form**, you will be advised how much financial help you can expect towards the cost of your short stay and how much you have to pay.

Residential school or college

You may receive some funding from Bury Council towards the cost of your placement. You will still need to pay something towards this. You will be given an application form to complete to see what help you may be entitled to. There is a standard minimum charge of £139.35 per week.

Permanent residential care

Before you make a decision about permanent residential care, you should ask Bury Council to assess your needs. Your care needs assessment is free of charge. If you need residential or nursing home care, the options can be discussed with you.

- **Care and support services are not free.**
The cost of residential care is not free. If you are assessed as needing Nursing Care, the NHS will pay a contribution towards it but you will still have to pay for the residential elements of your care.
- **A financial assessment is offered** to see if you can receive any help towards the cost of your residential care. You will be given the application form (F1) when you have your care needs assessed.
- **If you have savings or investments that are valued at £23,250 or above**, you will not receive any financial help towards the cost of your care. The value of any property you own will be taken into account unless your spouse/partner still lives there.
- **When you have sent in your application form**, you will be advised how much financial help you can expect towards the cost of your care and how much you have to pay. There is a standard minimum charge for everyone of £139.35 per week.
- **Private residential care and nursing homes set their own fees** but they should not ask you to contribute more than the financial assessment amount we have calculated. They may ask a relative to pay a Third Party Top-Up Fee.

Further information

Information Booklets to Charges are available on our website at **www.theburydirectory.co.uk** or for further advice phone; Personalisation and Support Business Team (PSBT), Residential Care & Care at Home financial assessment queries: **0161 253 7438**