

# **Paying for your support at home**



## **easy read guide**



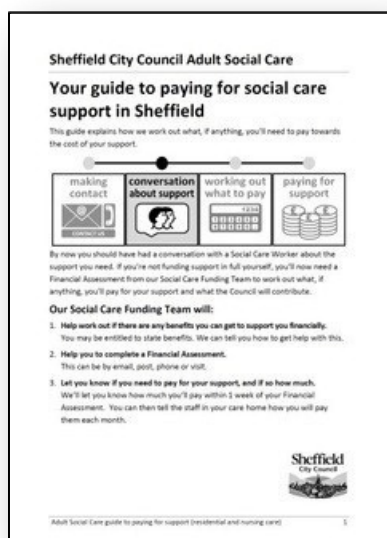


This guide tells you how we work out what, if anything, you'll pay for your support.

## BIG words

You may not have heard some of the words in this guide before, like **assessment**, **capital**, or **income**.

At the end of the guide is a list of these words saying what the words mean.



There's another guide about this with more details.

For a copy of this guide

call (0114) 273 4119

or email [information@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:information@sheffield.gov.uk).



Your social care worker has talked to you about the support you need.



Now we'll work out if you can pay for some of your support. This is called a **financial assessment** .



A person from the **Social Care Funding Team** will contact you.



They'll ask you about your money. This can include money you've saved and anything **valuable** you own.



If you don't want a **financial assessment** let us know.

You'll have to pay for all of your support.



We'll ask you for information about your **finances** .



We need information about your savings and **valuables** .

This is called your **capital** .



We need information about money you get like a pension from a job, or state benefits. This is called your **income** .



We need information about your day to day costs like rent, electricity and gas bills, and Council Tax.

There are Government rules on this. The rules say you must have enough money for your day to day living costs.



We may need to see information about **your savings** (like bank statements), and **state benefits** (like letters from the Department for Work and Pensions).



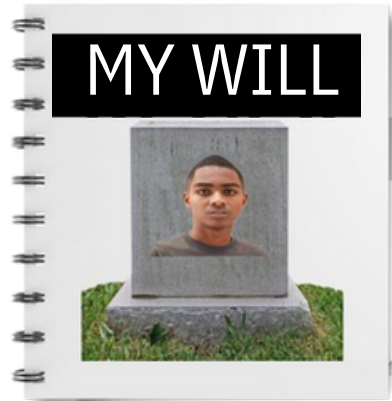
We want to know about things you have to buy to help you manage your disability or ill health. This is called **Disability Related Expenditure** .



We can tell you if you can claim benefits like the Personal Independence Payment or Attendance Allowance.



We can tell you about good ways to plan for the future like



making a Will



letting someone you trust decide things for you. This is called

**power of attorney** .



We then work out how much you can pay for your support.

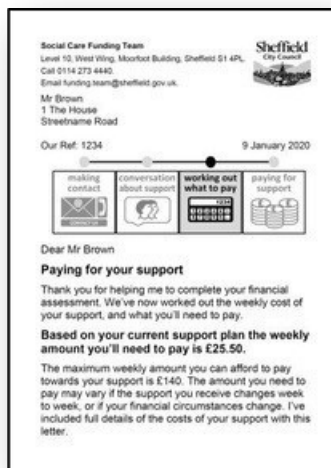




There are rules about how we work out what you can pay.

The rules are part of the

**Care Act 2014** .



We'll write to you when we've worked things out.

We'll tell you if you have to pay for your support.



Some people don't pay for their support.



Some people pay for some of their support.



Some people pay for all their support.

Paying for your support



The rules say if you have more than £23,250 in capital you pay for all of your support.



No one in Sheffield pays more than £560 each week.



We always tell you how we worked out what you can pay for your support.



If you don't think we have got this right you can tell us.



We will check how we worked out what you can pay for your support.





If you have a problem paying for your support tell us. We can help you.

## How to pay



We'll tell you how you can pay for your support. We can also help you.



Direct Debit is a good way to pay.  
Most people like to pay this way.

# Contact us



We can answer your questions and give you information. To contact us



[email funding.team@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:funding.team@sheffield.gov.uk)



call (0114) 273 4440. We are open  
9 am to 3pm Monday to Friday .



write to the Social Care Funding Team,  
floor 1, Howden House,  
Sheffield S1 2SH.

# What words mean

Here are some of the words used in the guide, and what they mean.



**capital** . This is part of your finances. Capital includes money you have (like savings) and things you own that are valuable (like a caravan).



**Care Act 2014** . Government law that sets the rules for how people should be supported. **Disability Related**



**Expenditure** . Tell us if you have to buy things to help you to manage your disability or ill health. We can include this in your day to day costs. There are rules about this. For more details about the rules contact us for our Disability Related Expenditure factsheet.



**finances** . Your finances can include money you have (like savings) and valuables, money from a pension, or state benefits, and money you spend (like day to day costs for rent and Council Tax).





## **financial assessment** .

This is how we work out how much you can pay for your support.

Some people don't pay for their support.



Some people pay for some of their support.



Some people pay for all their support.



**income** . Your income can include money you get, like a pension from a job, and state benefits.



**power of attorney** . If you want someone you trust to help you decide things, either about your health and care, or about your finances, you can give them power to do this.



There are Government rules about this. Their website has more details about this.

Go to [www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney](http://www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney).



### **Social Care Funding Team**

This is a Council team that helps people to work

out how much they can pay for their support. You can contact the team by email, by letter or by telephone using the contact details on page 10.



### **valuables**

Things that you own that you can use to pay for your support. There are rules about this. For more details of what are valuables contact the Social Care Funding Team. Contact details on page 10.



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