

1. How will the policy change charging for respite care – an example:

Brenda is over pension age and has income of £428 week. Brenda books in for a respite stay at The Elders care home, at a cost of £900 per week. Brenda starts her stay at the Elders on a Monday and stays for 14 nights.

Charge Under Current Policy

The charge would be calculated the same way as care at home. This means that, although Brenda has reduced household, living and disability expenditure during her stay at the Elders, the Council would still allow that expenditure. This reduces the charge that Brenda would pay.

The charge applying care at home rules would be £233.25 per week. However, because the Council charges from a Saturday her stay is over 3 charging weeks and the total amount Brenda would pay is £699.75.

Charge Under Proposed Policy

The charge would be calculated in the same way as a temporary care home stay. This means that a lower amount of household expenditure would be applied and Brenda would pay a higher charge.

The charge for Brenda, using the temporary care home stay rules would be £397.35 per week. However, Brenda would only be charged for the nights she stayed, meaning her charge for the period of respite, would be £794.70 (2 weeks at £397.35)

As Brenda's respite stay spans three charging weeks, she would also need to pay the weekly client contribution of £233.25 due for any care at home she receives in the charging week before she goes into respite and also the weekly client contribution of £233.25 for the rest of the days in the charging week after she returns home. This means for the three charging weeks that Brenda's respite stay spans, she would pay a total contribution of £1261.19.

2. How will the policy change charging for home care – an example:

Betty comes home from hospital and a package for care at home starts on Monday 15 June 2020 costing £150 per week. A financial assessment is booked in for Thursday 18 June 2020 but on this day, Betty says she is not feeling well, so asks if the appointment can be moved to Monday 22 June 2020. On 22 June 2020, the

financial assessment is carried out and as a result, Betty is assessed as needing to pay £120 towards her care at home.

Charge Under Current Policy

No charge is paid until the Saturday after the financial assessment. Betty does not start paying the charge until 27 June 2020. This means there is a 12-day period of free care that reduces the amount of money the Council has available to meet other needs.

Charge Under New Policy

The charge would start on the date that Betty's care package started. This would mean that she would be paying £120 towards her care from 15 June 2020.

3. How will the policy change charging for mixed home care and respite – an example:

Sarah is 26 and has income of £130.65 week. Sarah lives with her family and has a package of care at home and a respite stay of 2 nights each week.

Charge Under Current Policy

The charge would be calculated the same way as care at home. This means that although Sarah has reduced living and disability expenditure during her respite stay, the Council would still allow that expenditure when deciding how much Sarah needs to pay.

Applying the care at home charging rules means that Sarah pays £2.30 per week

Charge Under Proposed Policy

We would calculate the charge for respite using the rules for a temporary care home stay. This means that a lower amount of living and disability expenditure would be allowed, and Sarah would pay a higher charge.

Using the temporary care home stay rules means that Sarah would pay £32.51 per week