

Charges and rates payable 2019 - 20

Information on revised charges and
rates for 2019 - 20 for Adult Social Care

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About this booklet

Welcome to the Adult Social Care information booklet, containing all the revised charges and rates administered by Kent County Council.

The rates payable and charges levied are subject to review during the year.

We hope you find the booklet both informative and handy for quick reference.

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1 Client Contributions for Residential Care

People placed in residential care by the County Council are required to contribute to the cost of their care and support in line with the Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014 and as defined in the Care Act (2014). The amount of the contribution is based upon an assessment of their income and capital.

With effect from 08 April 2019, the capital limits for assessment purposes will be:

Capital Disregard (lower limit)	£14,250
Upper Capital Limit	£23,250*

*Please note that for benefit purposes (e.g. pension credit, income support) the capital limits are different.

The Personal Expenses Allowance (i.e. minimum amount a person will be left with) will be £24.90 per week.

For further details on how Kent County Council work out how much a person should contribute to their residential/ nursing home care, see the charging policy (search for: "*paying for residential care*" on www.kent.gov.uk).

The majority of people placed in residential care by the County Council will be in independent sector care homes. The maximum charge (for people paying the full cost) will be the contract price agreed between the Council and the care home.

For those people in County Council residential homes, the weekly maximum charge (with effect from 08 April 2019) is as follows:

Older People – Maximum	£494.26
People with Learning Disabilities - Maximum	£673.77

2 Deferred Payment Arrangements

For people whose capital is tied up in their former home (and whose other capital is less than £23,250) the County Council may be able to offer financial support on a temporary basis through the Deferred Payment scheme. This is for people who either do not wish to sell their former home during their lifetime or who cannot sell it quickly enough to pay for their care. Under the Care Act (2014) Kent County Council is allowed to charge interest on the amounts deferred and an administration fee.

From 01 April 2019 the following charges will apply:

- Set-up fee: £511.87*
- Annual fee thereafter: £69.54*
- Annual interest rate: Currently 1.95 %**

* These fees can be deferred if required.

** This is based on Government regulations and will be reviewed by the Office for Budget Responsibility twice a year, in January and July. The interest will be compounded daily.

Client Contributions towards Non Residential Care

3 Client Contributions towards Non Residential Care

Under non residential charging rules, people who have savings or investments (not including their home) of more than £23,250 will pay the full cost of their care.

People who have savings under £23,250 will be assessed to see if they are able to make a contribution to the cost of their care and support. The contribution is based on their weekly income (including pensions and benefits), and any savings/ investments between £14,250 and £23,250. Full details are in the 'Charging for care provided in your own home and support in the Community'.

4 Arrangement Fee for Self-funders

According to the government rules people with such means have to arrange and pay for their own care and support. However, they can ask the local authority to do this on their behalf for a fee. The local authority arrangement fees take account of the cost of negotiating and/or managing the contract with a provider and the associated administration costs incurred.

The Care Act 2014, gives local authorities powers to charge an arrangement fee for people with eligible needs and financial means above the upper capital limit, for arranging care needs and managing the contract with the care provider.

The annual arrangement fee is **£109.80**.

5 Day Care Charges for In-House Services

A standard rate applies for in-house day-care charges. People who have savings under £23,250 will be assessed to see if they are able to contribute to the cost of their day care.

The rates for 2019-20 are as follows:

Care Item	Unit	Notional cost
Learning Disability Standard – Day Centre	Day	£39.08
Learning Disability Standard – Day Centre	Half Day Session	£19.54
Learning Disability Enhanced – Day Centre	Day	£88.00
Learning Disability Enhanced – Day Centre	Half Day Session	£44.00
Learning Disability Specialist – Day Centre	Day	£132.00
Learning Disability Specialist – Day Centre	Half Day Session	£66.00
Older People – Day Centre	Day	£32.01
Older People – Day Centre	Half Day Session	£16.02
Physical Disability – Day Centre	Day	£38.21
Physical Disability – Day Centre	Half Day Session	£19.11
Older People with Mental Health Needs – Day Centre	Day	£37.84

6 Extra Care Housing Charges for Care

The non-residential charging rules also apply to these schemes. When working out the cost of the care and support, an additional cost (Wellbeing Charge) will be added to the cost of any hours of regular care and support, as follows:

Extra Care Schemes for Older People £15.94 for 24-hour emergency cover.

Schemes for people with learning difficulties, £47.76 for night support service.

Standard Charges for Home Care

7 Standard Charges for Home care

The following rates will be applied to people who complete a period of enablement and then to continue to receive support from the KEaH service as another form of domiciliary care.

The rates for 2019-20 are as follows:

Care Item	Unit	Notional cost
Social	½ hour	£8.17
Social	¾ hour	£10.90
Social	1 hour	£14.14
Unsocial	½ hour	£9.26
Unsocial	¾ hour	£12.25
Unsocial	1 hour	£15.68

8 Charges for Blue Badges

There is a £10.00 charge for each initial badge issued without exemptions and, thereafter, at three yearly renewal intervals.

The charge relates to the administration of the application and, therefore, is not refundable if unsuccessful.

9 Meals Charges (Local Authority Day Centres)

With effect from 08 April 2019, the rates below will apply:

Meal charge	£4.15
Meal charge and other snacks provided	£5.15
Refreshments flat rate charge	£1.00

Voluntary Escorts/Workers Mileage Rates

10 Voluntary Escorts/Workers Mileage Rates

With effect from 01 April 2019, the rate will remain at 45p per mile.

11 Other Local Authority Charges

In line with the regional inter authority protocol, with effect from 01 April 2019 the charges will be:

General

Review	£74.26 per hour
Assessment	£74.26 per hour

Consultancy

Middle management	£87.35 per hour
Senior management	£161.93 per hour
Director	£262.05 per hour

12 Home Support Fund

In some circumstances (where extreme hardship can be evidenced) extra financial help is available from Kent County Council to top-up the help provided via Disabled Facilities Grants (administered by the District Councils). The DFG is currently subject to a means test. The loan from KCC is interest free but liable to be repaid in full, over a 5 year period.

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