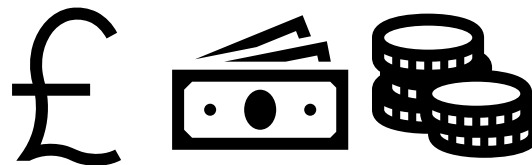


## **Adult social care factsheet 9**

# **Fees, costs, and allowances for adult social care services for the financial year 2022/23**



**A guide to what you may have to pay for your care and  
support services**

## What is this guide about?

This factsheet is a guide explaining the various rates for all fees, costs and allowances used in Adult Social Care for our various services, in order that you can estimate how much you may have to pay. It covers;

- The current rates of the main national state benefits that apply to people using our service;
- The national and local allowances that are set against your income when calculating how much (if anything) you will need to contribute towards the cost of your care and support service;
- Some guideline costs of the different types of care we offer, including our Direct Payment rates, so that you and your family or carers understand how much each option might cost, and the maximum you might have to pay if we believe you should pay for the full cost;
- The fees we charge you for specific services that are not directly care-related.

This guide is for all Sandwell residents who may be thinking about asking for care and support services or who are already using them. It is written to help you understand the various costs and is in this separate leaflet – which we update each April – so that our other factsheets do not get out of date if the costs change each year.

Please note that some costs may increase at other times of the year, so may not always be fully up to date in this document. However, they will be displayed on the equivalent page on our website [www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk) called “Fees Costs and Allowances” which is updated more frequently.

## National disability benefit rates and national and local allowances

<b>Capital limits</b> for all care types – national limits	<b>Lower limit</b> £14,250 If you have capital totalling or less than this sum, it is ignored in our financial assessment	<b>Upper limit</b> £23,250 If you have capital totalling or more than this sum, you are not eligible for our help	<b>Tariff income;</b> if your capital is between these two limits, you will pay £1 per week for each £250 or part
<b>Disability Benefits</b> – national benefits and how much we count	Attendance Allowance } higher care rate } } Disability Living Allowance } highest care rate } } Personal Independence } Payment enhanced care } rate }	£92.40 per week	In non-residential care, we will disregard this rate and only count the rate below <b>unless</b> you are receiving 24-hour care from us
	Attendance Allowance } lower care rate } } Disability Living Allowance } middle care rate } } Personal Independence } Payment standard care } rate }	£61.85 per week	
	Disability Living Allowance } lowest care rate }	£24.45 per week	

<b>Disposable income allowance</b> – national rate	£144 per week	This is the allowance for people in residential care who have a Deferred Payment Agreement	
<b>Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG)</b> – national rate	From £74.60 for people aged under 25 } } From £94.15 for people aged 25 to pension credit age } } From £194.70 for people over pension credit age }	This is the sum that must be allowed for as “living costs” in calculating what you are able to pay for non-residential care	For people under pension credit age, “premiums” can be added for those with agreed carers’ or child responsibilities or who receive disability benefits. For people over pension credit age, a “premium” for carers’ responsibilities can be added
<b>Personal Expenses Allowance (PEA)</b> – national rate	£25.65 per week	This is the sum that must be allowed for as “living costs” in calculating what you are able to pay in residential care	
<b>Savings credit disregard</b> for all care types – national rate	£5.90 per week	This additional allowance is added to PEA or MIG for qualifying people	Applies to both residential and non-residential care

## Guideline costs of care in Sandwell

There are a wide range of different services available for people in Sandwell, and a wide range of companies and organisations providing them, so it is impossible for us to give you a full list of their costs, particularly for people who are “self-funders” who may choose a service that we do not have a contract with.

What we set out below are the **standard or average costs** based on our council contracts to give you an idea of what you might have to pay if we assess you as able to pay the full cost. However, please note that these prices do not apply in every case and may vary according your assessed level of need or the provider you choose. They also may not apply if you are making your own arrangements directly with a provider as a self-funder.

Care type	Category	Cost	Notes
Day centres and day care	Older People and PD	£46 per day	These are average rates
	LD	£82 per day	
	MH	£51 per day	
Direct payment rates	Home care	£15.16 per hour	Costed rate including pension, holiday – for 20 hours per week or more, rate includes NI contributions
	Employed PA < 20 hrs pw	£10.69 per hour	
	Employed PA ≥ 20 hrs pw	£12.59 per hour	
	Sleeping hours	£4.50 per hour	PA to be paid £9.50 per hour
	Liability insurance	£2.50 per week	If council policy declined
	DBS Check	£65	National rate

Care type	Category	Cost	Notes
Direct payment prepaid card	Fee to replace a lost card	£2.91	
Home care		£16.00 per hour	
Nursing care home	Nursing – older people	£687.36* per week	These are average rates. * Note that nursing home fees include any sum that the NHS funds as “free nursing care”
	Nursing with dementia care	£694.79* per week	
Shared Lives		£329.00 per week	
Short-term care (respite)	Residential – older people	£487.48 per week	These are average rates  We generally fund a maximum of 28 days in any 12 months
	Residential with dementia care	£548.59 per week	
	Nursing – older people	£687.36 per week	
	Nursing with dementia care	£694.79 per week	
	LD / MH	Individual cost	
Residential care home	Residential – older people	£487.48 per week	These are average rates
	Residential with dementia care	£548.59 per week	

## Sandwell fees

These are what we charge you for services which are not directly care-related.

<b>Community Alarms – local fee</b>	Service charge	£4.64 per week	Paid quarterly
	Installation charge	£26.52	One-off
<b>Deferred Payment Agreements</b>	Application fees	£715 *	* Please see note below
	Interest rate	From 1/1/22; 0.95%	Interest rate set every 6 months by Government
		From 1/7/22; 1.55%	
<b>Financial deputyship – national rates</b>	Work up to & including the date which the Court appoints a Deputy	£745	Maximum fees set nationally by Court of Protection
	Annual Management Fee	£775 for year 1	
		£650 for year 2 and after	
	Property Management Fee	£300	
Preparation of annual report to the OPG	£216		
<b>Meals – local fee</b>	Community meals on wheels service	£3.65 per meal	
	Sandwell Day Centres	Breakfast £2.20 Lunch £3.50 Tea £1.20	Rates for other centres depend on the provider

**\* Breakdown of costs associated with a Deferred Payment Agreement**

Application Fee	£125	
Legal: title investigation	£50	}
Legal: drafting Agreement, Charge, and statutory declaration	£250	} total £450
Legal registering Agreement and Charge at the Land Registry	£150	}
Valuation fee and Coal Authority report	£140	
<b>Total charge</b>	<b><u>£715</u></b>	

Please note that this is the initial fixed set up fee, and that other costs may be incurred in complex cases. Should additional costs be incurred you will be informed immediately. In certain circumstances, a second valuation may be required at a later date. Should this occur, an additional cost of £100 will be incurred, and this will be discussed with you before it is undertaken.

## **Other formats**

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