

# Paying for Care & Support

## Hospital Discharge Factsheet (from April 2022)

### Introduction

The Council has a Contributions Policy for any care and support it provides. Information on this policy can be found on the Council's website through the following link:

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-social-care/paying-your-care>

### Care and support arranged following a stay in Hospital

Adult Social Care and the NHS help support people to be safely discharged from hospital and to regain as much independence as possible, preferably in their own home. This is called reablement care and support and it is often referred to as HomeFirst.

### Hospital Discharges

If it is agreed that you can be discharged from hospital and you require care and support, or additional care and support in another care setting or at home, this can be funded for a period of **up to 4 weeks** during which time there will be an assessment of your needs for any longer-term support.

If you are discharged from hospital and require reablement care and support, **you will not be asked to contribute towards the cost of that care and support for up to 4 weeks.**

If, for example, you only require 2 weeks of reablement care and after this 2 weeks it is agreed that you require a longer-term package of care and support, a financial assessment will be completed, and you will be asked to pay your contribution from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

In some situations, there may be an extension of this care and support where this is necessary for your reablement.

### If you already receive care and support arranged by the Council

If you were already receiving care and support arranged by the Council before you were admitted to hospital, **you will continue to pay a contribution towards this.**

However, there will be **no additional charge** for any **additional care and support** that is put in place after you leave hospital for up to 4 weeks. You will therefore receive the increased level of care and support but will not be asked to pay any more than you already contribute.

### Ongoing care and support

Towards the end of the planned care, a review will be arranged to consider what, if any, ongoing care and support you need.

If you need ongoing care and support the Council can arrange this and a financial assessment would be required to determine the amount of contribution that may be required towards the cost of your care and support.

### Paying for your care and support

If you are required to pay a contribution towards the cost of your care and support, you will be contacted by the financial assessments team.

Details of your income and savings will be used to calculate what you will be asked to contribute, and you will be notified of this in writing.