Leicestershire County Council

Adult Social Care factsheet

Fees, costs, and allowances for adult social care services

for the financial year 2026/27

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 services;
- 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 Leicestershire 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the various costs and is in this webpage – which we update each April – so that our other factsheets do not get out of date if the costs change each year.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 this page may be updated more than once a year.

National disability benefit rates and national and local allowances

Capital limits for all care types – national limits	**Lower limit** £14,250 If you have capital totalling or less than this sum, it is ignored in our financial assessment	**Upper limit** £23,250 If you have capital totalling or more than this sum, you are not eligible for our help	**Tariff income;** If your capital is between these two limits, you will pay £1 per week for each £250 or part
Disability Benefits – national benefits and how much we count	Personal Independence Payment enhanced care rate	£114.60 per week	
	Attendance Allowance higher care rate Disability Living Allowance highest care rate	£114.60 per week	In non-residential care, we will disregard this rate for these two benefits, and only count the rate below **unless** you are receiving 24-hour care from us
	Attendance Allowance lower care rate Disability Living Allowance middle care rate	£76.70 per week	

	Personal Independence Payment standard care rate		
	Disability Living Allowance } lowest care rate }	£30.30 per week	
Disability Related Expenditure - local allowance	No disability-related expenditure	Nil	The Council operates a self-assessment approach to disability-related expenditure (DRE): people specify which of these bands their DRE cost fall within. If their DRE exceed £15 per week, they can submit proof of these costs to receive a full assessment and a personalised allowance based on the costs the council will accept.
	Expenditure under £5 per week	£5 per week allowed	
	Between £5 and £10 per week	£10 per week allowed	
	Between £10 and £15 per week	£15 per week allowed	
	Costs over £15 per week	Personalised allowance	
Disposable income allowance – national rate	£144 per week	This is the allowance for people in residential care who have a Deferred Payment Agreement	People can choose to have a lower allowance than this and hence reduce the sum they are deferring

Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) – national rate	Is a lone parent aged 18 or over, the amount of £116.80 From £95.40 for people aged under 25 From £120.40 for people aged 25 to pension credit age From £241.45 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 to these sums 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 to this sum
Personal Expenses Allowance (PEA) – national rate	£31.80 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	
Savings credit disregard for all care types – national rate	£7.30 per week for individuals £11.00 per week for couples	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 Leicestershire

There are a wide range of different services available for people in Leicestershire, 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 to 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
Direct payment rates	Employed PA	£13.71 per hour	Standard rate - simple personal care tasks, meal preparation, prompting medication, maintaining a clean and safe home environment, accessing the community and recreational activities
	Self-employed PA	£17.50 per hour	
	Employed PA	£15.71 per hour	Enhanced rate - more complex personal care tasks, moving and handling, assisting eating and drinking, administering medication, supporting communication and decision making, managing behaviours, supporting people to manage deterioration in their mental health
	Self-employed PA	£19.50 per hour	

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Home care**	Urban	£26.27 per hour	For areas with concentrated demand in towns and clusters of nearby villages with good travel routes and relatively high numbers of hours
	Fringe	£27.40 per hour	For smaller, more isolated towns or villages fairly close to towns with good travel routes, but lower population density
	Rural	£30.48 per hour	For areas that are reasonably accessible by car, but have longer travel times between visits than urban and fringe areas
	Isolated	£33.89 per hour	For "hard to reach or source" areas likely to involve significant travel to and from/between visits
Nursing care home	Nursing	£1066* per week	These are average rates. * Note that nursing home fees include any sum that the NHS funds as “free nursing care”
Residential care home	Residential	£889 per week	These are average rates
	Residential plus	£936 per week	
	Supplementary needs	£19.23 per hour	Where there are additional needs not catered for in the band rates
Working Age Adult (Progression) fee		£1066 per week	

Leicestershire fees

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

Payment type	Fee type	Cost	Notes
Deferred Payment Agreements *	Application fee	£540	
	Home valuation fee	£150	Also applies for revaluations
	Setting up the agreement	£272	
	Finalising the agreement	£264	
	Annual management fee (no valuation)	£378	
	Annual management fee (including valuation)	£528	
	Interest rate	From 1/01/26; 4.75%	Interest rate set every 6 months by Government
		From 1/07/26; 4.65%	
Financial deputyship by LCC (Leicestershire County Council) – national rates	Work up to & including the date which the Court appoints a Deputy	£944	These are maximum fees set nationally by Court of
	Annual Management Fee	£982 for year 1	
		£824 for year 2 and after	

Payment type	Fee type	Cost	Notes
	Property Management Fee	£380 (if applicable)	Protection, please see the latest circular
	Preparation of annual report to the OPG (Office of the Public Guardian)	£274	
Self-funders fees - local fee	LCC management of the care package	£5.40 per week	

*** Costs associated with a Deferred Payment Agreement** - please note that these costs relate to standard cases - other costs may be incurred in complex cases. If this occurs, you will be informed immediately.

Other formats

If you would like help to understand this factsheet, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 0116 305 0004.

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