

I privately arranged for a care home placement, but can I get support from the local authority?

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If you have privately arranged a care home placement in Carmarthenshire and want the local authority to help you with the contract arrangements in the future, you can contact us, and the local authority will come out see you to assess whether you need a care home placement.

If you do need a care home placement Carmarthenshire County Council can take over the contract arrangements but you will remain liable for any care home fees that are due prior to the council taking over the contract. You should continue to pay the care home until the council has confirmed that it has taken over the contract and has started paying. Any fees that you have paid the care home after the council started contracting should be reclaimed by you from the care home.

Are there circumstances when I should contact the council to contract for my care home placement?

Yes, if you are likely to lose mental capacity to contract for the care home in the future or your loved one who is in a care home has lost mental capacity to continue to privately contract, and there is no one else with authority to contract on their behalf, please contact the local authority. In addition, if you have funded your own care home placement and your funds are getting close to the capital threshold¹ then you should contact Carmarthenshire County Council to contract on your behalf.

How do I contact the council?

All contacts in the first instance should be via Delta Well-being on Tel. 0300 333 2222.

¹ Currently £50,000 as set by Welsh Government but usually changes every year

Will I still have to pay anything once the council takes over the contract?

Normally, you will have to pay something towards your care home fees². You will be entitled to a financial assessment, which will tell you how much you have to pay. Carmarthenshire County Council will never charge you more than it is paying the care home. You will usually have to pay most of your income i.e. pension, benefits etc. so it is important to put this money aside.

How do I get more information?

For further information please see Factsheet 2 moving into a care home

www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/factsheets or contact the Financial Assessment Team on:

☎ 01267 228769 ✉ SCHfinancialassess@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

If you would like the leaflet in large print, Braille or on audio please

☎ 01267 228703

² You will pay towards the care home fees unless the placement is provided: under section 117 of the mental health act 1983; you have Creutzfeldt Jacob Disease; or the placement is funded through continuing healthcare

