

Factsheet (FS4) Information if you are paying your own care home fees.

As your savings are more than £23,250 you are not entitled to financial help from Stockton on Tees Borough Council to help fund your care home fees. You will need to pay the full cost of your care home fees to the Home in which you are living.

If you receive Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance (care) or Personal Independence Payment (care) and are paying for your own care home fees, you can keep these benefits. If you do not get any of these benefits you will need to claim them as these will help with cost of your care home fees. You can do this by contacting the Department for Work and Pensions by telephone or at their website. Their contact details are as:

Attendance Allowance for over 65 year olds on 0345 6056055 or online at <https://www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance/how-to-claim>

Personal Independence Payment (Care) for under 65 year olds on 0800 9172222 or online at <https://www.gov.uk/pip/how-to-claim>

New claims to Disability Living Allowance are no longer being taken.

If you need any help or advice on claiming these benefits please contact Client Financial Services.

If you continue to live within the Stockton Borough Council area as soon as your savings start to fall to about £25,000 you will need to contact the First Contact Team on 01642 527764, who will arrange for a social worker to look at care needs and make sure that you are getting the right level of care that you need and they will arrange for us to do a financial assessment where we will look at how your savings have been spent. If you have moved out of the area to live then you should contact your Local Authority where your home now is in the first instance. Please note capital limits may be different in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and you will need to check these.

We would expect your savings to come down by the weekly cost of the home, taking into account your income and an amount for your personal spending each week. We will look at your benefits so it is important that if you are not

getting Attendance Allowance/Personal Independence Payment that you claim this.

We will need to see all your bank statements from when you moved into the home and look at what you have spent since that time.

If you have bought anything other than paying for your care home fees or using it for your own personal spending, you will need to keep receipts as we will need to look at these.

If the Council feels that money has been used on things other than for your care home fees or on yourself then we may decide that this has been spent for the wrong reasons. We would discuss this with you and let you know what this means.

The Council uses the Care and Support Statutory Regulations (Statutory Instruments) and Care and Support Statutory Guidance and Annexes issued under the Care Act 2014, to do all financial assessments so that everyone is charged fairly.

If you would like to talk to us about your financial assessment or have any questions regarding any of the above information, please contact us.

Adult Social Care Financial Services,
1st Floor Queensway House,
West Precinct,
Billingham,
TS23 2NL

Telephone: 01642 524586
Email: assessments@stockton.gov.uk

Contacting Us

Stockton on Tees Website: <https://www.stockton.gov.uk>

Adult Social Care First Contact:

01642 527764

Minicom: 01642 527769

FirstContactAdults@stockton.gov.uk

Opening Hours

Monday – Thursday 8.30am - 5pm

Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm

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Stockton Welfare Rights Unit

Advice Line: 01642 526141

Monday to Thursday 2.00 – 5.00pm

Friday 2.00 – 4.30pm

welfarerights@stockton.gov.uk

Stockton & District Advice & Information Services

01642 633877

Department for Work and Pensions

People over 60: The Pension Service

0845 6060265

People under 60: Job Centre Plus

0345 6043719

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