

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR ADULT PACKAGES

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

There are approximately 4,100 people known to adult social care services at an annual net cost of service provision of £25,330,949. The Local Authority is required to take in referrals from those who believe they may qualify for an assessed need and subsequently use professional judgement to identify those adults who meet the published criteria for having an identified need. Having established that a person has an eligible need, the Local Authority must make provision to meet the need or make funding available for a person to purchase the support themselves.

Individuals are financially assessed and if they have means (determined by national policy) they make a financial contribution to the cost of their care and support.

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

A need becomes an assessed and eligible need if it cannot be met by the individual themselves, their family, their friends or through services generally available in the community.

The core offer represents a reduction of approximately 4% from current spend. This reduction will be delivered as follows:

- maintaining some funding for community-based support so that some services are generally available
- ensuring that community-based support is targeted at those who would otherwise have an assessed and eligible need
- reviewing the needs of individuals who have very low levels of support and identifying no-cost or lower cost alternatives
- greater use of digital care/telehealth to promote and maintain independence and which will also reduce the number of 15 minute calls required, 2 person calls and overnight support
- more use of in-house extra care accommodation and of purpose built units

In addition, there are services which are currently provided free of charge or at a subsidised rate which the Local Authority could charge for. This would affect those who make a contribution to their cost of care.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

There may be fewer people with assessed eligible needs because their needs can be met by universally available or community-based alternatives.

There may be fewer adults with assessed needs who need to be placed out of Darlington to have their needs met.

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?

The current net spend on care and support is £25,330,949. Most of that funding is spent on large framework contracts for residential care and for domiciliary care. However, there are some specific contracts and services for adults with a Learning Disability or with physical and/or sensory impairments, which are listed below:

2019/20 Budget - £634,469

£500,105 Learning Disability Service contracts
 £134,364 PSI Service contracts

External Purchase of Care Budget

	£	Number of individuals estimated to receive the service
Day Opportunities	849,220	109
Direct Payments	5,633,183	388
Domiciliary Care	8,670,800	679
Nursing Placements	2,922,295	94
Residential Placements	19,572,829	524
Income		
Client Contributions	(7,487,115)	
Contributions from Health	(998,596)	
Other (SCF/ILF/supporting People)	(831,293)	
Savings Target	(3,916,425)	
Overheads	790,178	
Total Net Budget	25,205,076	

2019/20 budget £25,839,545