

Care Arrangement Fee – Research Summary

What is a ‘care arrangement fee’?

A ‘care arrangement fee’ is a new fee being proposed – to cover the council’s costs for arranging care and support.

The Care Act 2014 provided powers to Councils to charge arrangement fees when a person:

- a) Has savings and/or assets above £23,250.00
- And**
- b) Asks the council to arrange their home-based care

How much will the fee be?

The care arrangement fee is proposed to be £165.47 in Leicester City. It is an optional fee, payable when a person who pays the full cost of their care:

- a) Asks the Council to arrange their home-based care for them.
- b) Asks for the Council to arrange a change in their provider of home-based care for them.

The fee will increase each year in line with inflation, and will be split into equal payments of around £12.73 every 4 weeks.

Provided is a summary of the local authorities that charge a care arrangement fee- providing a similar service to that provided by Leicester City Council.

Of the 24 local authorities that we have the fee information for, between £60.00 and £2,995.20 is charged per person as initial set-up fees, with additional £75.00 to £2,995.20 annual maintenance fees charged.

Average Initial Fee/ Set Up	Average Annual Fee
£282.70	£259.80

The averages calculated are medians, with anomalies removed (£60.00 and £2,995.20)

Below is a list of each local authority approached and the fee amount

Local Authority	Fee amount
Coventry	£262.15 (one off); with £143.00 annual fee
Southampton	£250.00 one off fee for each time a package of care is brokered
Derby City	£120.00 (one off); with £110.00 annual fee
Wolverhampton	£150.00 (one off); with £75.00 annual fee
Leicestershire	£281.00 (one off); with £281.00 annual fee
Barnet	£300.00 one off, looking to increase to £2000.00
North Yorkshire	£25.00 one off fee with ongoing £130.00 annual fee
Nottinghamshire	£161.20 yearly fee
Redcar And Cleveland	£175.00 one off fee with £371.80 yearly fee
Cheshire East	£100.00 one off fee with £260.00 yearly fee
Leeds	£260.00 yearly fee
Staffordshire	£400.00 one off fee with yearly fee of £182.00
Warrington	£60.00 one off fee with yearly fee of £260.00
Warwickshire	£315 yearly fee
Richmond And Wandsworth	£2995.20 yearly fee
Suffolk	£130.00 yearly fee
Isle Of Wight	£520.00 yearly fee
Lincolnshire	£445.00 one off fee with £104 annual fee
Wokingham	£207.80 one off fee with £140.60 annual fee
Solihull	£284.80 one off fee with £286 yearly fee
Kent	£352.00 one off fee with yearly £159.64 fee
Brighton & Hove	£336.00 one off fee with yearly fee of £105.04
Newcastle	£390.00 yearly fee
Reading	£352.70 one off fee with yearly £290.10 fee