



Doncaster
Council

Self-Funders Policy

Arrangements for people who pay for their
own non-residential care in full

Introduction

As part of the wider Doncaster Place Plan, Doncaster Council is committed to ensuring that people have control over how their care and support is provided. This includes the responsibility to provide appropriate information and advice to people, even when the Council does not provide or arrange their support.

This Policy is only in relation to when, following a Financial Assessment in line with the Care and Support Statutory Guidance (CASS October 2014), people are identified as being able to meet the full costs of their own care and support due to the upper capital limit (these people are known as 'self-funders'). The expectation is that, although the Council should make arrangements to ensure the provision of information and/or advice, if it is required, responsibility for contracting and payment of care and support will rest with the person or their representative.

The Council will only arrange contracting and payment on behalf of self-funders in the following instances:

- 1) When there are safeguarding concerns;
- 2) When there is nobody willing or able to assist;
- 3) When the person has a degenerative condition;
- 4) In cases of terminal illness

This Policy **will only cover** the commissioning of non-residential (Home Care) provision.

If the person is considered a self-funder, and meets the above criterion (i.e. qualifies for the Council to contract on their behalf due to them meeting the criteria 1-4 in relation to non-residential provision), then the Council will charge an annual administration fee for making these arrangements on their behalf. This will cover transactional costs in terms of setting up the contract and then billing arrangements between both the provider and the Council and then in turn the Council and the self-funder. The fee will be **£300 per year in 2020-21** but may change in future years with prior arrangement and sufficient notice.

This Policy **will not** cover any other arrangements provided directly by the Council or that are subject to its own charging policy (such as Direct Payments). In terms of provision, there may be instances where it is not possible to identify immediately whether someone will be responsible for meeting their full care costs, i.e. when the arrangements include

- 1) Identifying their assets
- 2) The need for someone to transfer from an acute setting
- 3) Other instances where there is an urgent need for care and support to start

In these instances the Council will proceed on the basis that they may be required to contract and pay for the care and support. However once it has been established that the person does need to meet their full care costs then (unless 1 to 4 are met), the ongoing contracting and payment of the care and support will be transferred over to the person or their representative.