

Charging for Services

- After Care Services under S117 Mental Health Act 1982 **These would continue to be provided free of charge.**
- Residential Intermediate Care Services for a maximum of 6 weeks **These would continue to be provided free of charge.**
- Re-ablement Services, for a maximum of 6 weeks, **These would continue to be provided free of charge.**
- Needs and Financial Assessments for Community Care Services. **These would continue to be provided free of charge.**
- Provision of Information, Advice, including Benefits Maximisation and Guidance. **These would continue to be provided free of charge.**
- Services provided to carers under S2 Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000. **These would continue to be provided free of charge.**
- Community equipment and minor adaptations. **Separate arrangements apply – Payment up to first £50 of equipment on each occasion.**
- Meals on Wheels. **Separate arrangements apply**

Currently 217 people receive day care and just under a third of these already receive homecare (64). 18 people pay towards their homecare costs. Some of these people will be affected by the changes to the level of disability benefit disregard and how we include Severe Disability premium. However we estimate that a maximum of 54 people who have never paid anything before would be asked to contribute towards the cost of their services.

At the moment 109 people have a Supporting People funded allocation as part of their budget. Six people receive the service as part of Section 117 aftercare services and so are exempt from paying. 79 people receive a home care service as well as a Supporting People service and so will already have been subject to a financial assessment to ascertain if they are eligible to pay. Of the remaining 24 people, it is estimated that up to 6 new people may become eligible to pay towards the cost of their care package.