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Dear

Date:



This letter is about adult social care and the amount you pay towards the cost of your care and support services. I wrote to you in February about how Bradford Council works out the amount that you pay.



We have been paying an extra amount on top of what the government says we have to for many years now. We have also paid more than other councils.



We are proud that we have been able to do this for the last 10 years. But we can't afford to do it any more. This is because we need to save money.



We held a public consultation that lasted for 12 weeks. Over 1,000 people told us what they thought about our plans. We used all of the feedback to make a decision on what we are going to do.



Our plan in the consultation was to take away the extra amount that Bradford Council pay on top of what the Government says we have to.



Lots of people said they were worried about the cost of living with a disability. We have employed more staff to make sure that everyone has a new assessment. This will help to make sure that these costs are taken into account.



People also told us that it will be difficult to change to a higher cost in one go. Because of this we have made a decision to take away the extra amount we pay over 2 years.



Half of the increase to the amount you pay towards the cost of your care will added from July 2025. The full new charge will then start in July 2026.



We will not make any changes until we have completed a new financial assessment and benefits check with you. This will help us to make sure you can afford to pay the new charge.



These changes are only for the amount of money the council pays towards your care and not the NHS.



What happens next?

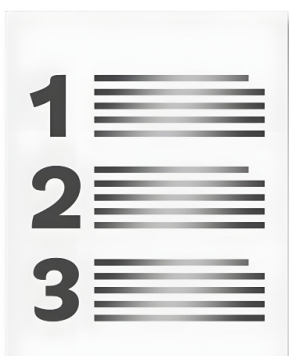
We will contact you by letter, email or phone to ask for your information in the next 5 months. This is so we can complete a new financial assessment. We will then book a time to call or visit you.



We can also help you to claim any welfare benefits that you are entitled to.



The council has to assess everyone. If you do not want to be assessed we can charge you for the full cost of your services.



We have enclosed a list of community organisations who can support you with this letter. Please do get in touch with them if you need to.



If you need this letter in a different way, such as audio or BSL please contact us on 01274 436464.

You can also email us at CPCcharging.Implementation@bradford.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "I. McBeath".

Iain McBeath
Director of Adult Social Care
Bradford Council

You do not need to do anything now
We will contact you over the next 6 months

What is the Minimum Income Guarantee?



The Minimum Income Guarantee or MIG for short is the amount of money we must leave you with to pay for things like food, bills and going out.

The Government sets this amount and all councils must use the MIG to set their charging policies.

What about the increases in Council Tax and Safe and Sound?

Council Tax:

If you have to pay council tax this is disregarded as part of your financial assessment. This means your charge will be reduced.

Bradford Council also offers lots of council tax reductions. This could be if you are on a low income, benefits or if you have a disability and changes have been made to your property.

You can find more information on the council website www.bradford.gov.uk



Safe and Sound

If you have the Safe and Sound community alarm service from Bradford Council the cost is classed as a 'disability related expenditure'. This means your charges will be reduced.



What is Disability Related Expenditure?

Disability Related Expenditure is the extra costs you have to pay on goods and services because of your disability or long-term health condition.





You can talk to your social worker about this when they come to assess your needs. They will then record it in their assessment.



When you have your financial assessment you should discuss your Disability Related Expenditure. You will need to show evidence like receipts.



If you have a high amount of expenditure it may bring down the amount that you are asked to pay towards your care.



There are only certain things that we can allow as Disability Related Expenditure.

Some of them are:

- Extra washing or special washing powder for delicate skin
- Community alarms on a pendant or wrist
- Special diet
- Special clothing or footwear
- Extra bedding.





It does not include:

- General daily living equipment or services not used for a disability or health condition
- A good or service that can be met by a funder
- A good or service that can be sourced more cheaply through social care or the NHS.



Community Organisations who can advise and help you:

Citizens Advice

Bradford West, Keighley and Airdale
Call: 0808 278 7828



St Vincent de Paul

Bradford South

Email:
wyinfo@svp.org.uk



Karmand Centre Bradford East

Email:
info@karmand.org.uk

Equality Together



**Challenging
Disabling Barriers**

District wide
(complex needs)

Email:
enquiry@equalitytogether.org.uk