

Bradford Adult Social Care Factsheet

Carers Assessments and Support



Support for Carers

If you care for someone who lives in Bradford and District then we may be able to help you.

Bradford Council is committed to supporting carers. We recognise that carers are often balancing caring with their own work and family commitments. We work with our partner agencies to offer help to carers. This includes information and advice, carer training and support.

Who is a carer?

A carer is anyone who provides unpaid care for a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, mental health problem or addiction. The care they give may vary from a few hours a week to round the clock care. A carer might be a child or an adult.

What is a carer's assessment?

All carers can have an assessment. We will talk with you about how caring for someone affects your life, and the things that are important to you. We will discuss how you can balance your caring role with your own needs, responsibilities and commitments. You choose when and where the assessment happens, and if you want someone else with you.

What is a Carer's In Case of Emergency Plan?

This is a plan of what needs to happen if you are unable to care at short notice, for example if you have to go into hospital. Together we plan what would be best and when complete you will get a card to carry which states that you are a carer and gives a unique identity number and our contact details so that plan can take place.

What kind of support do carers get?

All carers are entitled to information and advice to help them in their caring role. This could be information on local carer's support available in the community, benefits advice or specific advice and training around particular issues or health conditions. Some carers may be eligible for ongoing carers support and choose to receive this support through a direct payment.

Carer's direct payments

A Direct Payment is money paid to you by the council to help you pay for the support you need. A carer's direct payment can be used to help balance the carer's role with their own life, taking into account the outcomes they wish to achieve in day-to-day life. How the direct payment is to be used to meet a carer's needs should be agreed as part of the support planning process and detailed clearly on their own care and support plan. For more information see

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<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/adult-social-care/paying-for-support/direct-payments>

Will I have to pay?

We are committed to supporting and valuing carers, and we do not charge a carer for any support services.

Will the person I care for have to pay?

The law says that when a service is provided directly to the adult needing care then the adult (not the carer) would be liable to pay any charges, but no more than they can afford. This includes services such as personal care, day care and respite. This will apply even when the carer also benefits, for example, has a break too.

Do I have to live in Bradford or District?

No, you do not have to live in Bradford. The person you care for does not need to access long term support from Bradford Council, but they do have to be resident in Bradford.

How can I get an assessment?

To request a carer's assessment or get more information you can call us at Information and Advice Hub.

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01274 435400

Contact Independence Advice Hub - Online Form:

https://onlineforms.bradford.gov.uk/ufs/contact_us_social_services.eb

Helpful organisations

Carers' Resource - Information for Carers - Carers' Resource

(carersresource.org) - <https://www.carersresource.org/carers/>

Key Links

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