

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

Introduction

FAIRER CONTRIBUTIONS



The Department of Health has produced new guidance to Councils on how they should charge people for community based services. New charges will be applied from 1 April 2010, working out how much each person can pay towards their own personal budget.



This should be fairer. The system allows people receiving care to have a bigger say in how to meet their needs in a better way.



The new system will work out what people have to pay in a different way. Some people will pay more, but some will pay the same.



The new charging policy will cover these services:-



Home Care

Day Care, in a centre

Day Services, in the home

Adaptations

Carers Services

People who use Personal Budgets and Direct Payments

Adult Placement

Supported Living

Supporting People

Any other non-residential services



CRAG (charging for Residential Accommodation) is not included.



The council's charging policy can be found at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/NR?rdonlyres/2129D857-CB46-46F6-BF66-274FB7D14573/0/leaflet 200900401 chargesfor adultcare.pfd>

The Government have told all councils to make this change.



What do we want you views on?

We would welcome the views of anyone living in North Somerset.



Should the Council increase the money it receives from charges to meet the future needs of disabled and older people in North Somerset?

At the moment carers/service users do not get charged for services they receive. Is it fair to start charging them?

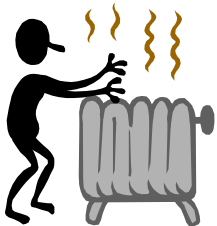


What support should these people have who have to pay more?

What information and advice should we provide to help people and how can it be made available to them?

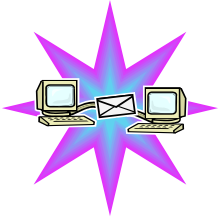


At what level should we set income we do not count for people who have to spend extra on heating, special diets or clothing because of their disability?



Other income we do not count when we work out how much a service user can afford to pay towards care. This might include some of the money the Government sets out for day-to-day living costs.

How to give us your views



e-mail us at fairercontributions@n-somerst.gov.uk

Fill in the online form, or print off and post it back to us. A paper copy, (in different languages, if needed) and self-addressed envelope can be had by phoning the answering machine 01275 884 415



These changes will be discussed at a number of meetings with the stakeholders.



A report is going to the Executive in February 2010 about the changes. We need to have your views no later than 31 January so that they can be put in the report.