

DDM – Fairer Charging – Fees and Charging Adult Social Care

Options Appraisal

Option 1: Move to a full charge costing model.

The proposal outlined above continues to offer a subsidy to those citizens using traditional day care and transport. Moving to a full charge costing model would substantial increase citizen's contribution for example specialist day care can range from £30 to £90 a day. Citizens using these services tend to be within the most vulnerable group of those receiving support from Adult Social Care. (Not favoured)

Option 2: Implement the proposal.

Those citizens using traditional day care and transport services will continue not to be charged the full cost of these services.

- The charging for Traditional Day Care to increase from £12 to £20 per day.
- The charging for Traditional Transport to Day Centres to increase from £8 to up to £16 per return
- Self-funding citizens who request support with arranging services to be charged an administration fee. This will impact on new citizens only

These increases to charges will contribute to the sustainability of services for elderly, disabled and vulnerable people. Adult social care charges are means-tested and citizens who receive these services are asked to contribute towards the cost if they're assessed as being able to do so. This means-testing is carried out to comply with the Government's financial assessment guidance which seeks to ensure no-one is asked to contribute more than they can afford and that citizens are accessing other benefits that might be available to them. This proposal will affect citizens who currently use a day care, transport or a combination of day care/ transport. 96 citizens will see an increase not more than £50 every 4 weeks, 44 citizens will see an increase between £50 to £100 every 4 weeks, 18 citizens will see an increase between £100 to £300 every 4 weeks. (Favoured)

Option 3: Keep the existing arrangements for charges.

Nottingham City Council is committed to maintaining quality services for elderly, disabled and vulnerable people. However the numbers of people requiring these services will continue to rise over the coming years and within the climate of the current budget reductions, Nottingham City needs to consider how to sustain these services. Keeping the existing arrangements for charges will not contribute to the sustainability of these services going forward. (Not favoured)

