

System of payment and government support in England until 2016

1. The current system is means-tested.
2. Barnsley Local Authority or the local authority where you reside carries out an assessment of your assets.
3. If your assets are worth more than £23,250, you are unlikely to be eligible for help from the local authority and would have to pay your own fees.
4. If your assets are less than £23,250 (upper limit) but more than £14,250.00 (lower limit) you have to pay something towards your care. The amount you have to contribute is determined by the local authority. This is not decided by Ward Green Lodge.
5. You will be pleased to note that the value of your home does not count towards your assets, provided your partner or a relative aged 60 years or over lives in the home.
6. If you want to live at Ward Green Lodge and your local authority is not willing to pay, you or your family would need to 'top-up' the difference. The Manager will be pleased to discuss this with you.

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1. The system of payment from 2016 will continue to remain means-tested.
2. From 2016, there will be a change in the level of assets that you can own before you become ineligible for local authority support.
3. The new upper limit is £123,000 and lower limit is £17,500.
4. Where the value of your home is included in the assessment of assets, the local authority will have to offer a 'deferred payment' scheme. This means that a debt will accumulate until the resident at the home dies and the full amount can be settled from the estate of the deceased.
5. Where your house is your main asset and your other assets fall below the upper limit, the local authority may disregard the value of your home for the first 12 weeks of care. However, they will only pay their standard rate and you have to 'top-up' any difference.
6. From 2016, state-funded care costs will be capped at £72,000. The system behind will remain quite complex.

Capped care cost from 2016

1. From 2016, there will be a cap of £72,000 which applies only to the care element of the cost.
2. The cap also applies to the standard fee, which the local authority would normally pay for care of an individual.
3. The cost of accommodation and things such as meals do not come in the cap.
4. If you are in a care home that costs more than what the local authority would normally pay, you will still need to make a 'top-up' payment as done presently.

Continuing Healthcare (does not apply to Ward Green Lodge)

1. Anyone who moves into a nursing home (unlike a residential home) and whose primary care need is medical, will be able to claim their full fee from the NHS without the need for a means test. This NHS support is known as 'Continuing Healthcare' and is currently worth £108.70 per week.