

Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, Non-residential Social Services Charging Task and Finish Group Questionnaire

The aim of this task and finish group is to make recommendations for a fair and equitable non-residential social services charging policy.

1. Please Indicate which Service User Group you represent:

- Older People
- Learning Disability
- Mental Health
- Physical Disability or Sensory Impairment
- Drug/ Alcohol Misuse
- Carer
- Other (for example long term conditions - please write in)

Please look at the following background information detailing a comparison of charges as at April 2012.

(Note: There is a maximum weekly charge of £50 per week)

Local Authority	Home Care Hourly Charge	Supported Living Hourly Charge	Day Care Attendance Daily Charge
Caerphilly	£6.57	£6.57	£1.62
RCT	£11.13	£11.13	£12.97
Merthyr Tydfil	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
Monmouthshire	£10.85	£10.85	£10.85
Newport	£11.35	£11.35	£34.52
Torfaen	£12.50	£12.50	£31.20
Bridgend	£13.00	£13.00	£24.50 to £33.40
Blaenau Gwent	£16.25	£16.25	£46.43

2. At what level do you think these charges should be set?

Hourly Rate	Home Care/ Supported Living	Daily Charge	Day Care
£0 - £10		£0 - £10	
£10 - £20		£10 - £20	
£20 - £30		£20 - £30	
£30 - £40		£30 - £40	
£40 - £50		£40 - £50	

3. When compared with the other Council's, please indicate where you think Caerphilly County Borough Council should be.

Charge Level	Indicate yes or no
Minimum	Y/N
Average	Y/N
Higher	Y/N

Please look at the following background information detailing services that the Council does not charge for.

- Extra Care Services
- Community Living Scheme

Overleaf is a comparison with neighbouring local authorities:

	Extra Care Services	Community Living Scheme
Caerphilly	No Charge	No Charge
RCT	No service provision	£11.13
Newport	£11.35 per hour	£11.35
Monmouthshire	£10.85 per hour	£10.85
Torfaen	£12.50 per hour	£12.50
Bridgend	£13.00 per hour	£13.00
B. Gwent	£16.25	£16.25

4. Do you think it is reasonable for the Council to charge for Extra Care and/or Community Living Scheme?

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5. Do you consider that the Council should make charges for these services, if yes, how much do you think they should charge?

Charge	Extra Care	Charge	Community Living Scheme
£0 - £10		£0 - £10	
£10 - £20		£10 - £20	
£20 - £30		£20 - £30	
£30 - £40		£30 - £40	
£40 - £50		£40 - £50	

6. **Are there any exceptional circumstances where the Council should consider waiving charges for a limited period, e.g. to assist hospital discharge for someone with a terminal illness?**

Please look at the following background information on including savings in the financial assessment process.

Under current charging legislation, service users capital/savings can be taken into account when assessing the contribution they can afford to make towards their services. In line with statutory guidance, only savings over £23,250 can be taken into account but the value of a service users home cannot be taken into account when assessing contributions towards non-residential care services. Should service users have savings over £23,250, they would still only be charged a maximum of £50 per week towards their service.

7. **CCBC is one of only 3 Councils in Wales who do not include capital and savings when calculating charges; do you think the Local Authority should include capital and savings when calculating a contribution towards charges.**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, if you would like to add further comments please attach them to your response.

Please return to: Caerphilly County Borough Council, Democratic Services Team, Corporate Services Department, Ty Penallta, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7PG or contact Cath Forbes-Thompson on 01443 864279 if you have any queries regarding this questionnaire