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### **Adult Care Fact sheet**



# **Applying for a Fairer Charging Financial Assessment for Housing Related Support Services**

#### Getting help with your support charges

If you are in receipt of **Housing Benefit**, your support charge will usually be paid by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) where your support provider has a contract with DCC. In these circumstances you **do not** have to apply for the charge to be paid by DCC, your support provider should do this on your behalf.

If you receive a housing related support service and your Support Provider has a contract with DCC and **you do not receive Housing Benefit**, you can apply for all or part of your support charge to be paid by DCC.

#### How?

By completing a Fairer Charging Assessment form that allows DCC to see if they can contribute towards your support charge.

This form is available from your Provider and they can help you in completing the form if you so wish.

This form will request details of your capital and income. Assistance with your support charge will depend on how much capital and income you have.

The completed form is returned to DCC.

#### **What Happens Next?**

The completed form is assessed by DCC to find out whether they can help you with your support charges. Assistance with the charge (if agreed) will be made direct to your Provider.

## How to contact the Derbyshire Accommodation and Support Team who deal with Fairer Charging for DCC.

Derbyshire Accommodation and Support Team Adult Care, Derbyshire County Council County Hall, Matlock Derbyshire DE4 3AG Telephone 01629 532073 Email supporting.people@derbyshire.gov.uk