

# Community Contribution

## Easy Read Version

### What is a community contribution?



The community contribution is the payment you might need to make towards the personal budget that pays for your care.

You are given a personal budget after you have had an assessment.

### What is a personal budget?



If your assessment shows that you need support, we will tell you how much money you will get to help pay for this.

You can use it for council services or get Direct Payments to organise your own support. It helps meet your needs and goals. This is called a Personal Budget.

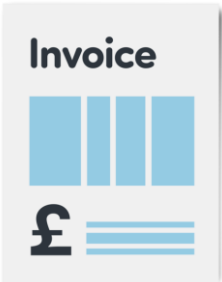
## What does the community contribution pay for?

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|  | <p>You may need to pay towards the cost of your services like home care and day care. As part of your assessment, we will check that you are getting all the benefits you should be.</p> |
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## What services are free of charge?

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|  | <p>People do not have to pay for some services. These include help while waiting for an assessment, NHS-funded care, aftercare under the Mental Health Act, help after a Carers Assessment, and care for terminally ill people.</p> |
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## Who does the community contribution apply to?

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|  | <p>The Community Contribution applies to people getting support and who have less than £23,250 in savings. If you have more than this, you must pay for your care yourself.</p> |
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## How is the money that needs to be paid worked out?

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|    | <p>What you pay for care is different for everyone. Sometimes, you might not have to pay anything. We need to know your money and housing costs to work out what you should pay. We will make sure you keep enough money to live on</p> |
|   | <p>You need to show us proof of your money, like bank statements. We will write to you to tell you how much you need to pay after checking your information.</p>                                                                        |
|  | <p>You can go online to send us your money details. Someone from our team will then tell you how much you need to pay each week.</p>                                                                                                    |
|  | <p>We might check your benefits with other organisations to make sure everything is correct. This helps us work out what you should pay for your care.</p>                                                                              |

## If you have questions



If you have any questions you can ring:

Call Derbyshire **01629 533 190**