

Fact Sheet No 12

How can you afford to pay for your Care?



When you have applied for all the help from the NHS, your local Council and statutory organisations to which you may be entitled then you will also need to consider each of the following ways of meeting the balance of your care costs:

- State pension and employment pension.
- Renting out part or all of your home. (See My Care My Home Fact Sheet No 14 “What are the benefits of renting out part of your home?”).
- Investments and Trust funds.
- Insurance policies.
- Using the value of your home to fund your care. (See Fact Sheet No 16 “The Care Property Bond: Use the value in your home to pay for your care without having to sell your home - ever.”)



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- The advantage of these is that they will continue to pay out for the rest of your life and therefore as long as you may need to meet care costs.
- However they may not be enough to meet your present care costs or your higher care costs if your needs change.



Investments and Trust funds

- If your state and employment pension is not sufficient to meet your present or future care costs you may therefore need additional sources of revenue, which will go on paying for the rest of your life.
- There are investment and trust products and policies which you can buy and which may meet be suitable to meet the balance of your present and future care and related costs. Information and advice about which of these may be best for you is a specialist area on which you should get advice from an Independent financial Advisor who specialises in the requirements of those in later life. Please see Fact Sheet No 13 “Care Fees Insurance Policies”.



Renting out part of your home

- You can let part of your home and gain regular income. See Fact Sheet No 14 “What are the benefits of renting part of your home?”



Using the value in your home to fund your care

There are three ways of releasing the value of your home to buy a care insurance policy or an investment which will pay out a regular sum for the rest of your life: to sell your home, to buy an Equity Release product or to take advantage of the “My Care My Home” Care Property Bond. This last arrangement means you can release some of the value in your home without having to sell it - ever. Unlike Equity Release products which do require the sale of your home - albeit not until after your death.

- For more information on managing the sale of your home: See My Care My Home Chargeable Service No 12 - “Arranging for the sale of your home and clearance and transfer/storage or other of its contents.”
- Buying an Equity Release Product: Independent Financial Advisors can advise you on the benefits, risks and values of these.
- The “My Care My Home” Property Bond. This is a service which enables you to release some of the value in your home and use it to buy a care insurance policy and or an investment or to upgrade your home and then let all or part of it to benefit from the rental income without having to sell your property ever. You can still pass your property on to your family and yet still use it to pay for some or all of your care. See My Care My Home Fact Sheet No 16 “The Care Property Bond: pay for your care without having to sell your home - ever”.