

## What are the charges?

The cost of care packages provided will be based on the following charges:

**Home Care hours** £9.45 per hour  
**Community Meals** £2.40 per 2-course meal \*\*  
**Community Alarm** £3.15 per week \*\*

\*\* If you receive the Community Meals, you will pay the full cost of the service. For that reason, you will be offered a financial assessment, which will incorporate our Income Maximisation Service.

## What if I disagree with the financial assessment?

Please contact the Assessment & Charging Team (see back page) and ask for a 'Review'.

## What if I do not want to provide my financial details?

If you choose not to provide your financial details, a financial assessment cannot be completed and you will be charged the full cost of any chargeable Homecare Services.

## How do I pay?

A choice of payment methods are detailed on the reverse side of all invoices.

## What if I move home or my circumstances change?

If you move home, or your financial circumstances change you must let us know as soon as possible, as this may affect your charges. In these circumstances please contact a member of the Assessment & Charging Team.

## Further Information

If you require any further information please contact:

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# Home Care Services

in Perth and Kinross



**PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL**

Housing & Community Care

## Charges

Effective from Monday 13 April 2009

Perth & Kinross Council wishes to help people to live at home independently, safely and for as long as possible.

However, in order to provide affordable, high quality services to a wide range of clients, a non-residential charging policy is in place.

### Are all services charged for?

Perth & Kinross Council will offer, free of charge, the following services to people, providing they have been assessed as requiring them:

#### Aged Over 65

Occupational Therapy Equipment  
Daycare Services  
Transport  
Personal Care

#### Aged Under 65

Occupational Therapy Equipment  
Daycare Services  
Transport

### What services are charged for?

Perth & Kinross Council continue to charge towards the cost of certain tasks. These are:

#### Aged Over 65

Non Personal Care - housework,  
shopping etc  
Community Meals  
Community Alarm

#### Aged Under 65

Non Personal Care - housework,  
shopping etc  
Personal Care  
Community Meals  
Community Alarm

### How is my personal contribution calculated?

A financial assessment is carried out to determine how much, if anything, you will contribute towards the cost of chargeable Homecare Services. This assessment takes account of your income and capital, and then calculates your contribution. If your weekly income, after allowing for housing and Council Tax costs, is less than £152.00, you will not be asked to contribute towards the costs of Homecare Services.

The amount of weekly income over £152.00 is called your 'weekly chargeable income'. You will be asked to contribute your 'weekly chargeable income', or the cost of service, whichever is the lower amount.

There is a minimum weekly charge of £1.00. If your 'weekly chargeable income' is less than £1.00, you will not be asked to contribute towards the costs of Homecare Services.

### How do I know if I am receiving all the correct state benefits?

The financial assessment allows Perth & Kinross Council to offer you our 'Income Maximisation Service'. This ensures that you are in receipt of all the benefits you are entitled to. Assistance will be provided to make claims for any new benefits.

### Will my savings/capital affect the charge?

If you have capital over £6,000, this will be assessed as having additional income. This is called 'Tariff Income' and the levels are set at 5% per annum.



Examples of Tariff Income levels:

Capital	£7,000	£10,000	£14,000	£20,000
Weekly Tariff Income	£0.96	£3.85	£7.69	£13.46

Clients with capital over £22,500 will be charged the full cost of any chargeable Homecare Services.

The capital value of the property you live in is completely disregarded.