

Cost-effectiveness guide for people with care and support needs and carers

Our vision

Coventry City Council's Adult Social Care vision is to enable people in most need to live independent and fulfilled lives with stronger networks and personalised support.

We aim to:

- Promote wellbeing and independence
- Support people to achieve their outcomes

Our responsibilities

Coventry City Council has an obligation to use public funds wisely and effectively to ensure that we can provide good quality services and meet our legal obligations.

What does this mean for you?

This means that the right amount of support is provided without costing more than it needs to. The cost of different potential options is a relevant factor in deciding between options to meet someone's care and support needs.

Alternative options to Local Authority funded care will be considered in the first instance. For example, family or friends who are willing to provide care will be approached, equipment may be provided, or community services considered.

Where the Local Authority is responsible for providing services to meet care and support needs, a personal budget will be calculated. This is enough to enable support to be arranged to meet a person's assessed needs in the most cost-effective way. A person's personal budget will not usually be increased above this amount. However, people can choose to purchase more care or use a more expensive alternative if they are able to fund the additional cost.

There may be a difference between a person's needs and their preferences. The local authority has a duty to ensure that services provided are cost-effective to meet needs rather than fulfil preferences. If applicable, options for a person or a third party to fund additional services to meet preferences can be discussed with their social worker.