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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Direct payment rates and home care charges 2026/27.

You have requested the following information:

It concerns adult social care. Please answer for the 2026/27 financial year.

1. The standard hourly rate provided through a direct payment for an adult to employ a personal assistant. Please give both figures where they differ: (a) the total hourly amount paid into the direct payment account, and (b) the hourly wage the personal assistant is expected to be paid.

a) The standard Direct Payment funding rate per hour for a Personal Assistant (PA) is currently 18.40.

b) The hourly wage a PA is expected to be paid must be in line with the National Minimum Wage. If the PA is over 21 they should receive a minimum of 12.71 per hour. The employer may pay more per hour as an hourly wage, but must ensure that payroll deductions (Tax, National Insurance, Pension, Holiday Pay Etc) are all made from the funding rate of 18.40 before the PA is paid.

2. The standard hourly rate provided through a direct payment for an adult to buy support from a self-employed personal assistant or carer.

If the employer provides proof that the PA is self-employed the PA will be paid 18.40 per hour.

3. The standard hourly rate provided through a direct payment for an adult to buy care from

a home care agency.

The standard hourly rate for support to be provided via a care agency is 23.47 per hour.

4. The date from which these rates apply, and the date they were last increased.

These rates were agreed and applied from the 1/04/26.

Where different standard rates apply to different groups of adults, please give the rates for an adult receiving personal care at home, and say briefly how the other groups differ.

Coventry City Council only has the two direct payment rates 18.40 for a PA support and 23.47 for support via an agency. However If a DP recipient chooses to use an agency that charges a lower hourly rate than 23.47 the DP would be paid at the hourly rate the agency charge.

Charges for care at home

For a single adult over State Pension age who receives care and support at home and is financially assessed:

5. The weekly amount of income the council leaves the person before it charges anything (the Minimum Income Guarantee, or its equivalent).

MIG Rates

6. The percentage of income above that amount which the council takes as a contribution (for example 100% or 90%).

100%

7. The standard weekly allowance for disability-related expenditure that the council gives without asking for receipts, if it has one.

Coventry City Council is based on individual assessments it varies per person

8. Any maximum weekly charge for care at home.

No maximum weekly charge

9. For an adult who pays the full cost of home care that the council arranges:

The hourly rate they are charged.

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Yours faithfully

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