

Residential care fees



“People enter residential care for one of two reasons. Either they feel that they can no longer cope alone at home or they have a medical condition which means that they require a high level of care or supervision.”

Social Care

If you require residential care because you are no longer able to cope at home, but not because of a specific health problem, you will be responsible for paying your care fees. If your capital and income are below a certain level you may be eligible for assistance with the cost of care. Your Local Authority is responsible for this assistance and will carry out a means test to see if you qualify.

Health Care

The National Health Service is responsible for payment of residential care fees if the primary reason for requiring care is health based. This is not subject to a means test. Regulations lay down a procedure which the Primary Care Trust must follow to decide why you need care and, if it is established that your need for care is primarily health based, the Primary Care Trust should pay the cost of your care irrespective of whether or not you have the means to pay yourself.

How can Tozers help?

The regulations concerning health care funding are complex. Tozers can explain and guide you through the procedures to ensure that you are getting what you are entitled to.