

Important Information

Worcestershire County Council, as part of their budget cuts, will no longer fund Extra Care schemes in the same way. This means there will be no funding from Supporting People. However we want to assure you that the staffing won't change nor will the level of care you receive. We want everything to stay the same for you but to do this we have had to look at how this can be funded.

We are proposing to Council members for us to increase the service charge to £22.00 per property per week. This charge is Housing Benefit eligible and covers things such as communal cleaning, landscaping, scheme management including maintaining the fire alarm and the door entry system. In addition those at St. David's House will continue to be charged for heating and water. The charges for these services are currently £7.00 per week for the heating and £3.10 per week for the water.

We will need everyone to make a contribution to the support provided. We are proposing to Council members that this charge is £33.00 per week. Support is things like daily well being visit, a member of staff on site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, monitoring of the lifeline system, activities, support prompts for medication. Unfortunately this is not covered by Housing Benefit but could be covered by your Attendance Allowance payments.

If you want to discuss this further please contact the Manager Tracey Durrant on 01527 584769

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How much could this cost me a week?

This will depend on whether you live at St. David's House or Queen's Cottages:

St. David's House	I am not on Housing Benefit	I am on Full Housing Benefit
Rent	£72.90	Fully covered by Housing Benefit
Service Charge	£22.00	Fully covered by Housing Benefit
Heating	£7.00	£7.00
Water	£3.10	£3.10
Support Charge	£33.00	£33.00
Total weekly charge:	£138.00	£43.10
	Plus care package	

Queen's Cottages	I am not on Housing Benefit	I am on Full Housing Benefit
Rent	£84.98 to £91.01	Fully covered by Housing Benefit
Service Charge	£22.00	Fully covered by Housing Benefit
Support Charge	£33.00	£33.00
Total weekly charge:	£139.98 to £146.01	£33.00
	Plus care package	

In comparison its costs £252.61 per week to live at Terry Spring Court this does not include care package charges.

These proposals will be discussed by Council members. If approved the charges will start from Monday 6th October 2014.

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