

Long Term Care Financing in UK

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4-key Aspects of LTC for an older person:

- ★ Finance: meeting daily expenses
- ★ Healthcare: incidental & regular
- ★ Social care: personal & psychosocial
- ★ Housing: rents, rates, & shelter



Financing a Person's Living

- ★ Pensions: occupation, stakeholder, retirement (NI-related)
- ★ Housing benefits
- ★ Minimum Income Guarantee : -98.15pounds/wk, -6000 pounds savings
- ★ Council tax waiver
- ★ Budgeting loans: capital expenses, interest free
- ★ Community Care grants: for crises in care, e.g.travel, care attendance
- ★ Disability Living Allowance: 65+, +6 months
- ★ Winter fuels supplement & lagging improvement (up to 2500 pounds)
- ★ TV license waiver: +75
- ★ Learn Direct: free home based computer and literacy learning
- ★ Free legal and security advices, improvement grants in designated areas
- ★ Reduced cost travel: bus & rail passes, free or half-price
- ★ Funeral payment & Bereavement allowance (up to 2000 pounds)



Financing a Person's Health Care *(NHS provided)*

- ★ ALL hospital/GP services are free
- ★ Prescription, eyes tests: +65 free
- ★ Dental: free if on MIG
- ★ Home nursing
- ★ Rehabilitation units
- ★ Hospice care



Financing a Person's Social Care

- Home help services (LA or private)
- Personal social services
- Social security: income support (MIG), disability living allowance, invalid attendance allowance, social funds
- Carer support: needs assessment, training & support



Financing a Person's Housing Needs

- ★ Home comfort & safety: maintenance, security and lagging grants
- ★ Home adaptation grants
- ★ Shelter housing: council or private
- ★ Local Authority Homes (Part III accommodation rates 16.05/wk)
- ★ Private homes (residential allowance)
- ★ Preserved rights end in April 2002: all will have to be assessed for ability to pay for their own housing expenses



Who is financing the person in a district?



- ★ Medical and nursing care: National Health Services through the Health care trusts (health authorities/primary health care trusts)
- ★ Income support, shelter & social care support: Local Authorities (councils) through Social Services, Housing and other departments



Who is financing the NHS & Local Authorities?



- ★ Department of Health (for healthcare budgets)
- ★ Department of Social Security (for social care budgets)
- ★ A small amount from co-payments from the users (e.g. realized property assets)



Who is paying for the health and social care budgets of the country?

- ★ General taxation (29% income tax including 12.5% National Insurance, VAT etc.)
- ★ Health budget : 10% from NI
- ★ Social care: 90% of NI



Financing LTC: Future direction



- ★ Split into Living costs, Housing costs and Personal care: P can be free subject to assessment/means tests, L&H will be according to co-payments (costs shared with users)
- ★ Cost-effectiveness: risk pooling, joint commissions for budgets (National Care Commission)
- ★ Quality & efficiency: bench-marking, minimum standards etc. (National Care Standards)



THE END

Thank you