

Request

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. Any maximum weekly charge for care at home.

9. For an adult who pays the full cost of home care that the council arranges: the hourly rate they are charged, and any arrangement or administration fee, with its amount and how often it is charged.

Response

(a) £15.51 hourly rate
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Support from a home care agency:
£24.40 hourly rate where the home care provider pays staff the Real Living Wage of £13.45; or £22.92 where the provider pays staff the National Living Wage of £12.71.

The 26/27 rates were increased and effective from Monday 30th March 2026. Rates are increased annually.

For a single adult over State Pension age: Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) of £247.10 per week, plus allowances for housing-related costs and disability-related expenditure.

90% of the amount above is taken as a contribution.

The Council does not have a standard weekly disability-related expenditure allowance.

The Council does not have a maximum weekly charge for care at home.

For an adult who pays the full cost of home care that the council arranges, the charge is £24.40 per hour. The Council does not charge an arrangement or administration fee.