



**Bedfordshire
Community
Health Services**



Information and advice - Moving from a Rehabilitation Bed to a Residential or Nursing Care Home - Social Services



The aim of this leaflet is to provide advice about 24 hour care if you are "Social Services Funded".

If the Rehabilitation Unit therapists consider you to need 24 hour care or that it is not safe for you to go home they may recommend that you need placement in a Residential or Nursing home. Some people also choose to go to a care home for an interim period of respite care before returning home (ie if they are waiting for home adaptations, waiting for a place at their chosen care home or because of social or health reasons).

The Therapists will refer you to a Social Worker. The Social Worker may attend the 4 week meeting or may see you and your family at a later date.

Your ability to make an informed decision is central to the discharge process. If you are unable to make an informed choice, a decision will be made in your best interests in consultation with people who know you.

The Social Worker will guide you through the process, but a brief outline is as follows:

First the Rehabilitation therapy team will advise if you need a residential home or a nursing home placement. Residential homes have District Nurses who can visit for basic nursing needs. Nursing homes have Registered Nurses on site who care for patients with more complex nursing needs.

The social worker will talk to you about what your wishes are and about your discharge plans and care. The Social Worker will also advise you about who will fund the care placement.

If you do not have over £23,250 in savings (please see your local council's website for guidance about owned property), then Social Services will fund your care.

Usually if your care will be funded by Social Services, your Social Worker will help you and your family to source and arrange a bed at the care home. Social services have a funding criteria for low/medium/ high depending upon a patient's level of care needs. The Social Services funding is a set amount and they will use specific Care homes that accept that level of funding.

Details of all the local care homes can be found on your local Councils website or in their care directory. Your Social worker will advise you which Care Homes accept Social Services funding. It is recommended that you and your family arrange to visit the home and look at their CQC report.

Sometimes people choose to move to a care home closer to their family - If this is something you would like to do, your Social worker can arrange this.

If Social Services are funding your care this may affect entitlement to some benefits if you are receiving them - your Social worker can advise you about this.

It is possible for a third party / family to "top up" the Social Services funding to allow a greater choice of Care Home. Please talk to your Social Worker if you would like to discuss this further.

The Social Worker will arrange for you to move to the Care home you choose before the Rehabilitation Funding ends. Social Services would usually not cover you to stay longer at the Rehabilitation Unit. The only exception would be if a third party/ family continued to fund at the Rehabilitation Unit.

For further information about this service contact:

Useful contacts:

- Susan Cassels, Clinical Coordinator, Acquired Brain Injury Service
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- Visit www.carechoices.co.uk
- Bedford Borough Council
Tel: 01234 267422 www.bedford.gov.uk
- Central Bedfordshire Council
Tel: 0300 300 8303 www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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