



Help With Care Needs

Social Care Assessments



A social care assessment is carried out by Barnsley Council and looks at the things that are important to you, the areas where you might need extra support with daily tasks, and any help you already have in place. If you qualify for home care, there may be a cost - most people will have to pay something towards their care.

If you have complex health needs, you may be eligible for free adult social care through NHS Continuing Healthcare - please see page 3 of this fact sheet for more information.

During a social care assessment you'll be asked about:

- What you want to achieve
- The support you currently have in place
- What additional support you feel you need to help you achieve your goals

About

If you need support to live independently, you may be entitled to help through adult social care. If you don't qualify for adult social care, many community and voluntary groups in Barnsley can support you in different ways. Some people may be eligible to have their care needs fully funded through NHS Continuing Healthcare.

Who Qualifies?

The social care assessment takes into consideration the following:

- If you have a disability, health need or impairment.
- If your disability, health need or impairment means that you're unable to do some important things in your life without support.
- If your disability, health need or impairment is having a significant impact on your physical, mental, emotional or social wellbeing.

After the assessment, you will receive a letter with the decision.

How We Can Help

If you live in Barnsley and would like some advice about social care assessments, you can email us or call our advice line:

 first.contact@dialbarnsley.org.uk

 01226 240273

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FAQs




Can I have a friend or relative with me during the social care assessment?

Yes, the assessment will normally take place in your home and you can have someone there with you throughout.

How do I organise the care I need after the assessment?

The payment can be made directly to you so you can manage your own care. Or, you can use a brokerage team who will find a provider for you.

You can call the brokerage team on 01226 772355, or contact them online:

 <https://my.barnsley.gov.uk/form/brokerage-team-enquiry/your-details>

How much do I have to pay towards my care?

If you have savings of more than £23,250, you will pay the full cost of your care - this is called 'self funded'. How much you pay depends on your savings and any income you receive from disability or other benefits.

You can use Barnsley Council's online calculator to work out how much you, or the person who needs home care, will have to pay.

 <https://barnsley.mycostofcare.com/OFA>

Will I have to sell my house to pay for care?

The value of your home will only be taken into consideration if you, or the person you are caring for, is moving into a residential home.

For care to support you to live at home, the value of your house will not be taken into consideration.

What if I don't qualify for adult social care?

If you do not qualify, you can look for alternative home care via the Live Well Barnsley directory (website below), which includes voluntary groups, charities and other organisations.

Adult social care can also offer suggestions or information about alternative care providers.


 <https://www.livewellbarnsley.co.uk/>

How To Apply?

To find out if you could benefit from a social care assessment, please call

 **01226 773300**

Please visit Barnsley Council's Adult Social Care website to find out more about what kind of care is available across Barnsley:

 <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/adult-social-care/how-we-can-help-with-your-care-needs/>



If you are an adult with a long-term condition or complex needs, you might be eligible for free care, fully funded by the NHS.

A team of healthcare professionals will assess your needs - how complex, intense and unpredictable they are - including any potential risks if you do not have the right care in place.

A healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse or social worker will do the initial assessment to decide if you qualify for a full assessment. This decision should be made within 28 days of the initial assessment.

Your local Integrated Care Board will conduct the full assessment. It will be carried out by a multi-disciplinary team, made up of at least two professionals. The team will look at psychological needs, mobility, communication, breathing, continence etc, and rate the needs from 'no needs', 'low needs', 'moderate', 'high', 'severe' to 'priority'.

Who Qualifies?

You, or the person you are caring for, will qualify for NHS Continuing Healthcare if you have at least one 'priority' need or 'severe' needs in several areas.

Please visit the NHS website to find out more about NHS Continuing Healthcare:

 <https://www.nhs.uk/social-care-and-support/money-work-and-benefits/nhs-continuing-healthcare/>

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