

At The National Careline we are able to offer:

- A free helpline that is able to offer help and information on all aspects of care and planning for care
- Advice on all the funding options of paying for care both at home and in a care or nursing home
- Information on arranging a Lasting power of attorney which helps you maintain your affairs and health and welfare decisions
- If you have a tax problem we can put you in touch with specialist help for older people.

Topics include:

- What type of help is available and where to find it
- Where to access financial support

The National Careline also provides a wealth of extra information that users may find beneficial in support and care of the older person.

Our service is free to all users



Is a not for profit company which has been created to provide information about care and support for older people, their carers and their families.

The objective of the National Careline is to provide a portal that signposts users to various organisations including, Government departments and support networks that will help create a clearer understanding of the care maze.

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Benefit Rates April 2017/18



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Basic State Retirement Pension

Single	£122.30
Spouses/Civil partner	£73.30
Married/Civil Couple	£195.60
Age Addition – over 80 years	£0.25
New State Pension	£159.55

Attendance Allowance

Higher Rate	£83.10
Lower Rate	£55.65

Carers Allowance

Carer	£62.70
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(payable only if not earning more than £116/wk after deductions)

Pension Credit

Standard Amount	£159.35
Couple Standard Amount	£243.25
Single Savings Credit Threshold	£137.35
Single Savings Credit Maximum	£13.20
Couple Savings Credit Threshold	£218.42
Couple Savings Credit Maximum	£14.90

Severe Disability Premium

Individuals	£62.45
Couples	£124.90
Carer	£34.95

Capital Allowances

(disregard for those above age for Pension Credit)

Living at home	£10,000
Living in a care home	£10,000

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

(Being phased out from March '13 and replaced by Personal Independence Payment)

Care Component

High	£83.10
Middle	£55.65
Low	£22.00

Mobility Component

High	£58.00
Low	£22.00

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Daily Living Component

Enhanced	£83.10
Standard	£55.65

Mobility Component

Enhanced	£58.00
Standard	£22.00

Funded Nursing Care

(FNC) is only used to pay towards the costs of care. A person is still responsible for the cost of accommodation, board and personal care.

England (paid by NHS)	£155.05
Or for on high band pre 1/10/07	£213.32

Wales – paid by local Health Board	£148.01
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Northern Ireland	£100.00
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(paid by the Health & Social Care Trust)

Scotland (paid by the Scottish Executive)

Personal Care	£171.00
Nursing Care	£78.00
Personal and Nursing care	£249.00

Local Authority Support Thresholds

England	Upper Limit	£23,250
	Lower Limit	£14,250
	Personal allowance	£24.90
Wales	Upper Limit/Lower Limit	£30,000
	Personal allowance	£27.50
Scotland	Upper Limit	£26,250
	Lower Limit	£16,250
	Personal allowance	£25.80
	increasing in June '17 to £26.40	
Northern Ireland	Upper Limit	£23,250
	Lower Limit	£14,250
	Personal allowance	£24.90

Contribution rate £1 per £250 between upper and lower limits

Twelve Week Property Disregard Funding

The local authority can help with the care costs for the first 12 weeks if, apart from the family home, savings are below the higher capital limits. Help with costs beyond this period will be treated as a loan to be recovered when the property is sold.

