



CLIENT CARE FAQs

HOW MUCH DOES LIVE IN CARE COST?

The cost of live-in care varies, depending on your wants and needs (the harder a carer has to work, the more she should be paid) and the management model you choose. The total cost is usually between £1,000 and £1,500 a week. When you ring, we can give you an estimate. Our Guide to Live-in Domiciliary Care booklet has more detail on how this is worked out.

Here are some examples of some clients, and what we believe is their total care cost:

- SB is eighty-six and has dementia. His wife, eighty-five, is prone to falling. Most of the time their daughter looks after them, but we find carers for them about three times a year when she takes a break. The full cost is £1,200.00 for a seven-day week.
- AB is eighty-two, with limited mobility and some confusion. When he was discharged from hospital, we started with four weeks of care. Now it seems increasingly likely he'll want full-time care. The total cost is just over £1175.00 a week, but saved whenever his family want to cover a week.
- JS is an active man, with early onset dementia. He likes cycling, running and wildlife, so wants to carry on living in his house in the countryside. His family were not sure what to do about care, so decided to try Christies Care. "There was nothing to lose" said his sister. After a month, his family decided that care from Christies Care was the solution and, three years later, he is still in his own home. Currently his care cost is £1100.00 a week
- KB lives with the effects of polio. Now seventy eight, he had polio as a child, is a wheelchair user and has severely-affected speech. His home is well-equipped with an overhead tracked hoist and disabled washing arrangements. He is fully in control of his care arrangements. Currently his care cost is £1250.00 a week.
- MK and BK need two carers for the next few months. Mrs K started live-in care in August 2015, as she had gradually increasing dementia. In January 2017 her husband

had a stroke and went blind. Two carers are needed to look after them at present although, if BK can adapt to his blindness, they may be able to manage with just one carer. Currently their care costs are £2,200 a week.

- FC is surrounded by friends and family. She was married in 1940, widowed in 1993 and has just reached one hundred. We introduced carers seven years ago, when the family decided she could no longer drive. Having lived in the same parish for seventy years, and with family nearby, there was no question of her going into a home. And an immediate needs policy, taken out when she started care, has given very good value! Currently her care cost is £915 a week.
- JE and LE share one carer. In 2013 we started providing carers for this couple – she has severe osteoporosis and OCD, and he had suffered a stroke three years earlier. Now both in their nineties, they still have one carer. We are pleased to have kept them together for so long. Currently their care costs are £1,250.00 a week.
- MM has severe dementia and multiple problems. At eighty, he is physically able and active but has severe dementia and has a tendency to evict his carer. He also accuses him of theft from time to time because he is very protective of his home and resents strangers. We use our most highly trained carers and all the protocols are in place. His behaviour when out of the house can also be a bit unpredictable. But our carer gets respite daily from a local agency and we work together closely to make his care a success. Our care cost is £1,230.00 a week.
- NG is 55 and has Down's syndrome. He lived with his mother until her Alzheimer's was so bad that she went to a nursing home. She had done everything for him, so he had few life skills and little independence. We now have a regular team of carers for NG, who have encouraged him to do tasks on his own. He is learning to cook, and his biggest achievement is that he now goes out alone, whenever he wants, including on the Underground without getting lost. NG has direct payments, and a support worker visits once a week, checking NG's bills, and giving any direction or management necessary to carers. Currently his care cost is £1150.00 a week.
- LR has a spinal injury. Now twenty-eight, we've provided him with live-in carers since 2009. He works in advertising, likes to go to the pub with his friends, and has just come back from holiday in the Canary islands. Currently his care cost is under £1230.00 a week.