

Proposed Carer Payment Model 2026/27

Removal of additional day payments - £50.16 per day (Mon to Fri only)
Removal of night payments - £42.98 per week

Live-in care (weekly)

Care Level	Current	Proposed
Low	£280.56	£343.00
Medium	£438.31	£472.50
High	£596.06	£651.00

Short breaks (per night)

Care Level	Current	Proposed	Revised
Low	£112.66	£61.14	£76.14
Medium	£133.12	£79.64	£94.64
High	£159.75	£105.14	£120.14

Shared days (per day)

Care Level	Current	Proposed
Up to & including 4 hours	£44.58	£46.37
Up to & including 8 hours	£89.16	£92.74

Discretionary payment (per night)

A discretionary payment of £30 per night may be made to recognise the additional intervention and support provided by a carer beyond that ordinarily expected within a Shared Lives arrangement, particularly where this contributes to sustaining long-term arrangements for individuals with complex needs who might otherwise require residential care.

The arrangement will be subject to review every 12-weeks to ensure that the placement remains safe and sustainable for both the carer and the cared-for person.

Impact on carers

Under the proposed changes, 27 of the 54 Shared Lives carers would see a reduction in income, while 27 would see an increase.