

Living Well in Halton: Care Home Checklist*



Care homes (personal care only)



If you are reasonably active, but would like greater security and care, subject to a care assessment, a care home offering personal care may be the best option. Personal care includes bathing, feeding, dressing and help with moving. Individuals with more than £23,250* in savings or capital are classified as self-funders. This means they are responsible for covering the full cost of their care and support needs **Figures mentioned here are set by the Government and may change. Please check with Adult Social Care.*

Care homes with nursing

Care homes with nursing provide the same personal care as care homes but with fully-trained nursing staff on duty 24-hours a day. If you think you may need nursing care in a home, you will need to be visited by a social worker to work out what care you will need. This visit might be in your own home, in hospital if you've been ill, or in a care home.

You will be fully involved in planning your care needs. If a care home providing nursing care is the best solution for you, your social worker can give you information to help you find a home which meets your care requirements. Alternatively, the listings in our Care Home Directory gives details of all care homes and care homes with nursing in Halton. How much you may need to pay for a care home with nursing depends on your circumstances. If you are unsure about what type of care home could meet your needs, you can contact Halton Borough Council [0303 333 4300](tel:03033334300) hdl@halton.gov.uk.



It's a good idea to consider the following questions before choosing a care home provider. You can also download this check list [here](#). *© 2023 Care Choices Ltd

Information about Care Providers can be found on the CQC [website](#)

Further support regarding care options can be found [here](#)

Care homes checklist

Home 1

Home 2

Home 3

Fees per week

£
£
£

Quality rating*

We suggest that you take paper with you when visiting care homes so that you can make notes. You can download and print this checklist at www.carechoices.co.uk/checklists

Staff

- What is the minimum number of staff that are available at any time? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Are staff respectful, friendly and polite? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Do staff have formal training? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Are the staff engaging with residents? ☐ ☐ ☐

Activities

- Can you get involved in activities you enjoy? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Is there an activities co-ordinator? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Does the home organise any outings? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Are residents escorted to appointments? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Do the residents seem entertained? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Does the home have a varied activities schedule? ☐ ☐ ☐

Life in the home

- Is the home adapted to suit your needs? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Can you bring your own furniture? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Are there enough plug sockets in the rooms? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Are there restrictions on going out? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Is there public transport nearby? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Does the home provide any transport? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Can you make/receive calls privately? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Can you decide when to get up and go to bed? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Does the home allow pets? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Does the home use Digital Care Planning accessible to families? ☐ ☐ ☐

Personal preferences

- Is the home too hot/cold? Can you control the heating in your room? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Is the décor to your taste? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Are there restricted visiting hours? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Is there somewhere you can go to be alone? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Does the home feel welcoming? ☐ ☐ ☐

Catering

- Can the home cater for any dietary requirements you may have? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Does the menu change regularly? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Can you eat when you like, even at night? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Can you have food in your room? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Is there a choice of food at mealtimes? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Is alcohol available/allowed if you want it? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Can visitors join you for meals? ☐ ☐ ☐

Fees

- Do your fees cover all of the services and activities? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Are fees likely to change regularly? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Is the notice period for cancellation of the contract reasonable? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Could you have a trial period? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Can you keep your room if you go into hospital? ☐ ☐ ☐
- Can you handle your own money? ☐ ☐ ☐