



## The Care Funding Calculator 'Fair price, quality care'

The Care Funding Calculator (CFC) tools are free excel based systems designed to provide transparency and greater information to the negotiation and placement of adults with Learning Disabilities, Mental Health and Physical Disabilities in Residential and Supporting Living placements. They are designed to provide cashable efficiency gains through ensuring a fair payment level for residential and support living placements.



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## Our goal

To provide free tools to local authorities and PCT's which will enable greater transparency during the commissioning of placements. The tools are based on national data and assist commissioners and care managers in understanding the different elements of care costs, providing greater clarity on prices and simplify the negotiation process.

The East & West Midlands Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships (RIEP's) provide free support to LA's and PCT's to rollout these tools through defining implementation strategy, rollout process, training, review sessions, etc. This then helps the organisations to achieve efficiency savings through ensuring a fair price for quality care.

## Overview

There are two versions of the Care Funding Calculator (CFC);

1. Residential Care Version
2. Independent Living Version

These tools were developed in consultation with the provider sector. During the pilot phase of the project the Voluntary Organisations Disability Group (VODG) organised consultation events with the provider sector, to which representatives of ECCA (English Community Care Association), ARC (Association for Real Change), VODG and NCF (National Care Forum) were invited. There was also a programme of meetings with smaller providers groups during the pilot phase.

Providers were also approached to give their actual costs of placements as part of the original research in the South West, East of England, and the South-East regions – information which formed the basis for the development of the CFC. In addition, over 50 providers submitted detailed costs as part of the Care Funding Calculator pilot involving over 70 local authorities.

In total, over 300 providers detailed costs from all parts of England have contributed to the cost assumptions included in the Care Funding Calculator. They were also used to establish the level of cost variation based on size, type and location of home/service.

They take into account factors such as; location, care home size and support required providing a breakdown of costs and a guidance range for overall cost, this is a guide cost which allows for easier negotiations.

## Programme Aims

By supporting LA's and PCT's with these tools the programme aims to:

- Aid local authority commissioners to ensure Value for Money;
- Create a 'Fair Price, Quality Care' environment;
- Create transparency with the costs of LD, PD & MH placements allowing for a clear understanding of costs;
- Inform negotiations with providers;
- Foster an environment of partnership between providers and commissioners.

These aims will be delivered by the following process.

## Implementation Process

Free support and training is available to Local Authorities and PCT's across the East & West Midlands for the usage and rollout of the CFC tools. The high level implementation process includes:

1 – Initial meeting with senior managers and CFC consultant to understand organisations structure, priorities and goals.

**Output:** Consultant advise LA/PCT on options for implementation, clear way forward agreed.

2 – CFC consultant will create a high level implementation plan.

**Output:** signed off plan by LA/PCT

3 – Free CFC training delivered, deployment as per signed off implementation plan.

**Output:** Monthly returns to CFC consultant on savings achieved.

4 – Follow up meeting between CFC consultant and senior managers to discuss next steps, challenges being encountered and celebrate success.

The RIEP funded CFC consultant will work with your organisation to support the use of the CFC tools and help to deliver efficiency savings.

## Current Usage

The CFC programme is currently engaged with the following councils across the East & West Midlands:

- Birmingham City Council
- Coventry City Council
- Derbyshire County Council
- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Leicester City Council
- Leicestershire County Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Northamptonshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
- Staffordshire County Council
- Stoke-on-Trent City Council
- Solihull Care Trust
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
- Wolverhampton City Council
- Worcestershire County Council

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