

# Going from the Royal Berkshire Hospital to a care home

**This leaflet explains what you might expect to happen now that you are going to a care home, either temporarily or for longer term.**

Your clinical team have agreed that you are medically well enough to leave the Royal Berkshire Hospital, but you now need to be cared for in a care home.

## Who pays and how is it assessed?

Usually, you will have to pay a contribution towards the cost of staying in a care home. Your local Social Services will make a financial assessment to calculate your contributions, which are set by the Government and are subject to annual review. The process of moving to a care home will be arranged by local Social Services unless you are self-funding and you or your family are arranging your move.

## What can you expect to happen?

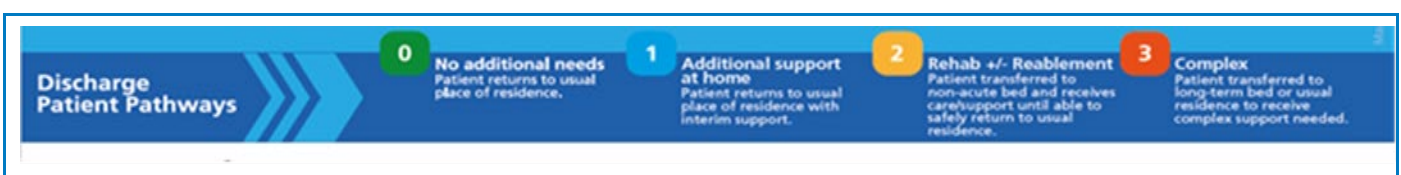
Your placement in a care home will be set up by your local Social Services and the clinical team on the ward, who will work with you to plan which care home best meets your needs. There are several types of care homes, with different types of care and accommodation, depending on your individual needs.

If you intend to **self-fund** your care home placement you will still have support from the ward clinical team and Social Services to help you choose a care home that can meet all of your future care needs. As a 'self-funder' you will be responsible for all care home costs, which can be between £1250 and £2000+ per week (2022 prices), depending on the care you need. There is a separate leaflet about this option.

## How quickly will you be transferred?

Finding an appropriate care home takes a few days and the care home manager may visit you in hospital to check they can provide all of the care that you need. Once a care home accepts you, Social Services will work with them to agree costs and set up the financial contract for care with the care home. You will then be transferred. This usually takes about a week. If you have special care needs, this will take longer and the home providing care could also be further away from home.

The hospital will arrange an ambulance to transfer you to the care home.



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