

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY
Graham Gibbens, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO.
14/00015

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject : Temporary Financial Assistance for Residential Care – Change to the Eligibility Criteria

Decision:
As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I AGREE:
To change the policy on Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) to state that a resident will (providing they meet the other criteria) be eligible for TFA once their liquid capital and income can only support their care costs for three months.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information
Kent County Council's (KCC) currently operates a Temporary Financial Assistance scheme for Residential Care for people who have capital over the capital limit but whose liquid capital has reduced to £3,000. This is normally because their other capital is tied up in their former home. When the scheme was initially set up (over ten years ago) £3,000 would usually last long enough for KCC to make the necessary arrangements and take over the contract with the care home. This is no longer the case, although this will depend on the resident's weekly income.

Background Documents:
Report from Corporate Director to Cabinet Member

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:
Decision was supported at 5 Dec 2013 Social Care & Public Health Cabinet Committee

Any alternatives considered:
The only alternative is to maintain the current policy with an increasing number of discretion exceptions in cases of significant hardship.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:
None

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signed

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date

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