

# Choice of Accommodation Policy for Care Home Settings



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# 1. Introduction



**This booklet was  
made by Hampshire  
County Council**



**This policy helps  
Hampshire County  
Council decide  
where people who  
need long-term  
care can live**



**It makes sure the places are good value for money and meet the person's needs**



**This policy is for adults who need long-term care in a care home**



**It helps them  
choose the care  
home for their  
needs**



**It includes older  
adults and younger  
adults with specific  
needs, like early  
dementia or  
nursing care**

## 2. How does Hampshire County Council choose care homes?



### First Offer (Tier 1)



The Council first looks at its own care homes to see if they can meet the person's needs



**If a suitable place is found, it can be offered to the person**



**Second Offer (Tier 2)**



**If no suitable place is found in Council care homes or if the person declines this offer**



**The Council looks at other care homes that meet the person's needs and budget**



**Up to two options are offered at tier 2**



**If the person does not like the first two offers, they can choose another care home**

**They can have up to three offers in total**



**If the chosen care home is more expensive**

**Someone else like a family member may need to pay the extra cost**

### 3. What if someone is already in a care home?



If someone is already in a care home and needs financial help from the Council



The Council will check if the care home meets their needs and budget

and is signed up to the Council's contract



If the care home meets their needs, budget, and is signed up to the Council's contract,

the Council may offer to help pay for it



If the care home does not meet their needs, budget or is not signed up to the Council's contract



**The Council will help you find a different care home**



**Or someone else, like a family member, may need to pay the extra cost**

## 4. What if the care home is too expensive?



If the care home costs more than the person's budget the Council will try to find an alternative option



If moving is not safe, the Council may agree to pay the higher cost

# 5. How long do people have to choose a care home?

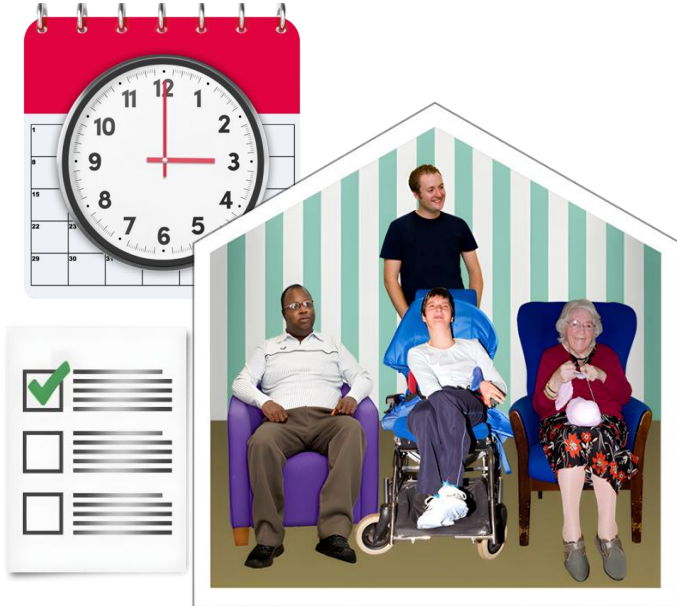


**People should try to decide within 3 days of being offered a place**



**If more time is needed, the Council will allow it,**

**but they will keep track of how long it takes**



**This is to make sure  
people get the care  
they need as soon as  
possible**

**and helps to plan  
resources and  
availability of care  
homes**

## 6. What if someone needs help choosing a care home?



The Council will provide information and support to help people make their choice



This includes explaining the policy and helping people understand their options

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