



If I Lived at Culverdale What Would I Have to Pay?

Current Fee Rates: The weekly charge is made up of a combination of Housing Benefit a personal contribution from the resident (combined to pay for the provision of accommodation and related services) and local authority funding (to pay for the support).

The amounts are based on the accommodation provided per week:

Bedsit with shared kitchen	Flat with shared kitchen	Self-Contained Flat
£201.18	£270.83	£270.83

For most residents, the majority of the costs are paid by a grant from LiveWell Kent (formerly Supporting People) and Housing Benefit. However, in any flat or bedsit, there are charges for using personal electric as each bedsit or flat is individually metered for electricity. On average the weekly cost is about £3-£10 (although it is higher in winter than in summer). If you are receiving Income-Related Employment Support Allowance, you should receive the maximum award of Housing Benefit (see below). If you are on other benefits or you have significant savings or other income, you may need to make a small contribution.

Housing Benefit

This is administered by our local authority Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. As a statutory scheme, the benefit you receive is set by Government regulation therefore, it is important that you inform us of any information that might have an impact on your claim for benefit. We will help you complete your claim form and help to make sure you receive the maximum you're entitled to.

If you are in employment, the amount you receive will depend on the amount you receive in income, whether you are on any benefits (or are classed as having a long-term illness) and whether you have any savings.

Personal Contribution

The amount someone has to pay towards their stay at Culverdale will normally be calculated by the difference between the weekly accommodation charge and the amount payable by Housing Benefit or their funding local authority. Housing Benefit are entitled to retrospectively change the amount they contribute towards the fees if they discover new information (such as income or savings being more or less than they previously knew). In this situation, any personal contribution will be retrospectively changed accordingly.

Local Authority Funding

In addition to Housing Benefit and your own contribution (if any), Crossways Community receives some local authority funding to pay for the specific mental health related support.