

## **CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT/PROTECTION - STAFF**

### **WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?**

Financial Assessment Staff are employed to carry out a financial assessment to determine the level of financial contribution individuals need to make towards their personal care and support needs.

More use could be made of self-assessments questionnaires to determine the level of contribution but this would almost certainly lead to a reduction in the level of income received from self-funders.

Financial Protection Staff are employed to support individuals who do not have mental capacity to look after their own finances, and do not have anyone else to support them, who would otherwise be at risk of financial abuse. In supporting these individuals we ensure that these individuals pay their assessed client contribution towards their personal care and support needs.

### **HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?**

#### **Financial Assessment**

The budget is to provide 4 members of staff to complete individuals financial assessments, which generates £7.9m income. In the last 12 months the team has completed 2,347 financial assessments.

#### **Financial Protection**

This budget is used to employ 4 members of staff to safeguard individual's personal finances.

The team currently supports 178 individuals and have 44 pending applications.

There is a charge for those individuals that are classed as deputyship clients, which generates £25k amount of income.

### **DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?**

No

### **WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?**

**2019/20 budget £244,138**