

South East

Older People's Care Factsheet 2016

Background



1,679,619
older people living
in South East ¹



21%
of pensioners
on low income ^{2:3}



24%
of pensioners in
UK on low income

Is there enough older people's care in South East?



21%
of local authorities do not know
whether they have enough care



79%
of local authorities that do know,
report not having enough care

How much does older people's care cost?



9.8% higher
than the national average

£607

weekly average cost of local authority
funded residential care in South East

£553

national average cost of local authority
funded residential care in the UK



Nationally, people paying for their own residential care pay 20% more than local
authority funded prices

How long will it take a self-funder to use up savings on care?

10 years, 1 month

to spend home value savings on
residential care in South East ⁴



7 years, 7 months

to spend home value savings on
residential care in UK

What can be done?



We urge Government to make sure there is enough care to meet older people's
needs and that means stepping in where the market is not providing enough
care. In order to do this, we need robust information on where there are gaps in
care, and a funding system that truly meets the cost of providing care.

1 ONS (2015) Mid-year Population Estimates for UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

2 Pensioners living in households with less than 60 per cent of median household income after housing costs

3 ONS (2016) Households below average income: 1994/95 to 2014/15

4 ONS (2016) House Price Index: Feb 2016.