

# Wales

## Older People's Care Factsheet 2016

### Background



**624,773**  
older people living  
in Wales<sup>1</sup>



**27%**  
of pensioners  
on low income<sup>2:3</sup>



**24%**  
of pensioners in  
UK on low income

### Is there enough older people's care in Wales?



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



**83%**  
of local authorities that do know,  
report not having enough care

### How much does older people's care cost?



**6% higher**  
than the national average

**£586**

weekly average cost of local authority  
funded residential care in Wales

**£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?

**4 years, 4 months**

to spend home value savings on  
residential care in Wales<sup>4</sup>



**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.