

## Help needed to deal with care costs

An official at the Symponia organisation has stated that the government should help more with the increasing cost of residential care homes.

Managing director at the organisation Janet Davies argued that the relatives of people in such care homes end up paying top-up fees after the initial care charges, reports Citywire.

A recent report from the Commission for Social Care Inspection said that even patients who get help from the council often have to foot the bill for other charges anyway.

The Symponia official responded and noted that there is a difference in what is paid by various parties.

"People with assets over £21,500 are classed as self-funders while those meeting the means test criteria are awarded a contribution to their care fees," she commented to the publication.

Ms Davies added that there is a responsibility on the hands of care homes that they should give current or future residents a good deal of advice regarding costs, while the government could also help in funding, she said.

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