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# NHS Check: Cameron's hidden dementia taxes

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## **Cameron's hidden dementia taxes hit vulnerable hardest**

### **REVEALED:**

- Older and disabled people will pay an average of £655 more for home help this year compared to four years ago
- Dial-a-ride transport services double in price over same period
- 'Meals on wheels' cost 65p more - older people paying an extra £235 per year

Government cuts to local authority care budgets have left the most vulnerable people in society paying spiralling charges for their own care.

A Labour survey of council social care departments reveals the care charges older and disabled people will pay this year.

Government cuts to local authority budgets, which pay for social care, have left councils no choice but to increase the costs billed to individuals and families. These support services include home help - that help people get up, washed and dressed - alongside 'meals on wheels' and dial-a-ride transport services.

Last week, an independent survey of social care finances by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) revealed that Government cuts to councils will mean a further £800m taken from care budgets in the next year - totalling £2.68 billion so far under the current Government.<sup>1</sup>

More than a third of local authorities supplied information to the Labour survey - 64 out of 150 responsible councils.

Labour's findings show the average charges for an hour of home care increased by 10.6% between 2009/10 and 2013/14 – from £11.87 to £13.13.

An average care user - defined by experts as an individual receiving 10 hours of care each week<sup>2</sup> - will pay £655 more this year compared to four years ago (from £6,172 in 2009/10 to £6,827 in 2013/14).

The cost of council-run 'Ring and Ride' and other transport services, to assist people with reduced mobility to travel to day centres and medical appointments, has more than doubled in 4 years - from an average of £1.98 to £4.12 per ride.

Additionally, the average price of a 'meal on wheels' has increased from £3.01 in 2009/10 to £3.66 in 2013/14. An extra 65p per meal will add £237 over a year - on the basis of one council-provided meal per day - taking the 2009/10 average annual total of £1095 to £1332 in 2013/14.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.adass.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=914&Itemid=489](http://www.adass.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=914&Itemid=489)

<sup>2</sup> The Personal Social Services Research Unit's report 'Unit Costs of Health and Social Care 2010'

## **Growing 'postcode lottery' in care**

The survey findings show considerable variation in the price of home care, meals and transport services between different councils.

Whilst responsibility for such huge cuts to care services lies squarely with central Government, it is noticeable that older and disabled people in Conservative areas pay more for each of these on average than friends and family in Labour-controlled areas.

### Home care:

An hour of home help costs £20 in Brighton and Hove, whilst Tower Hamlets in London offers it for free.

Older and disabled people receiving services from Conservative councils pay on average £15 per week, or £780 per year, more than neighbours in Labour-controlled areas (based on Conservative councils charging £1.50 per hour more and people receiving an average of 10 hours care per week).

### Transport

Several councils provide free transport services to people with reduced mobility, whilst Warwickshire charge as much as £12 per ride. Conservative-run Warwickshire has increased its fare by almost £11 in last four years, now charging three times the national average.

Conservative councils charge £5 on average, £2.10 more than in Labour-controlled areas.

### Meals

The most expensive council charges close to three times more for a meal than the cheapest - £5.99 in Richmond compared to £2.30 in Warrington.

A meal in a Conservative area costs 45p more on average than in a Labour-controlled area - adding up to an extra £160 a year on the basis of one meal per day.

**Appendix – Data:**

**Meals services:**

Authority		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Con	3	3.1	3.2	3.35	Service not provided
Bournemouth Borough Council	Con	4	4.1	4.1	4.1	Service not provided
London Borough of Bromley	Con	3.1	3.2	3.3	n/a	Service not provided
Cheshire West and Chester	Con	3.03	3.1	3.18	3.26	Service not provided
Milton Keynes Council	Con	4	4.2	4.98	5.19	5.19
Isle of Wight Council	Con	3	3.1	n/a	n/a	5
Dorset County Council	Con	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.5
Herefordshire Council	Con					4.4
West Sussex County Council	Con	3.3	3.4	3.7	4	4.1
Lancashire County Council	Con	3.25	3.25	4.05	4.05	4.05
Essex County Council	Con	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.95	3.95
Buckinghamshire County Council	Con	3.45	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.9
Spelthorne Borough Council	Con	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8
Kent County Council	Con	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.65	3.75
Surrey Heath Borough	Con	2.95	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6
Waverley	Con	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6
Gloucestershire County Council	Con	2.5	3	3.5	3.5	3.5
Hampshire County Council	Con	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5
East Sussex County Council	Con	3.3	3.3	3.35	3.35	3.4
Woking	Con	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4
Norfolk County Council	Con	3.18	3.24	3.3	3.3	3.37
Lincolnshire County Council	Con	n/a	2.7	2.79	2.79	2.85
North Yorkshire County Council	Con	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.25	2.3
Kensington and Chelsea	Con	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.55
Richmond	Con	3.1	3.15	3.3	3.4	5.99

Authority		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	3.08	3.16	3.24	3.32	Service not provided
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	2.3	2.4	2.5	3	Service not provided
Birmingham City Council	Lab	2.7	3.2	3.9	4.1	Service not provided
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
City of York Council	Lab	2.45	2.5	2.5	2.5	n/a
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	2.8	2.95	3.2	3.85	4.2
Wolverhampton Council	Lab	2.4	3.4	3.4	3.95	4.15
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.9
Hartlepool Borough Council	Lab	3.6	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65
London Borough of Enfield	Lab	3.4	3.47	3.5	3.5	3.5
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	2.14	2.14	2.14	3.5	3.5
London Borough of Brent	Lab	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Plymouth City Council	Lab	2.65	2.65	3	3	3.5
London Borough of Haringey	Lab	3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4
City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	Lab	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3
Derby City Council	Lab	3	3	3.1	3.1	3.2
Halton Borough Council	Lab	2.82	2.88	2.94	3.1	3.2
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	Lab	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	1.99	2.05	2.6	2.68	2.78
Metropolitan Borough of Wirral	Lab	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.68	2.68
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	Lab	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6
Kingston-Upon-Hull City Council	Lab	1.95	2	2.1	2.15	2.55
Warrington Borough Council	Lab	2.15	2.2	2.24	2.27	2.3
Gateshead	Lab	2.4	2.6	3	3.15	3.2
Islington	Lab	3	3	3	3	No extra cost
Newham	Lab	2.2	2.2	2.2	5.35	Service not provided

Authority						
		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Darlington	Lab	3.6	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65
Waltham Forest	Lab	3.61	3.66	3.77	3.94	4.05
Nottingham City	Lab	2.5	2.6	3	3.25	3.25
Hounslow	Lab	4	4.1	4.1	5.1	5.1
Newcastle City Council	Lab	2.45	2.45	2.45	3	3
Hackney	Lab	3.6	3.65	3.75	3.75	3.8
Knowsley	Lab	2.55	2.55	Service not provided	Service not provided	Service not provided
Oldham	Lab	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4

#### Community Transport Services:

Authority	Political control					
		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Norfolk County Council	Con	1.16	1.18	1.2	1.22	1.22
Cheshire West and Chester	Con	1.63	1.67	1.71	1.75	1.79
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	Con	1	1	1	2	2
North Yorkshire County Council	Con	1.8	2	2.2	2.3	2.4
Dorset County Council	Con	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Milton Keynes Council	Con	2	2.3	2.3	2.65	2.65
Woking	Con	4	4	4	4	4.2
Surrey Heath	Con	3.45	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.5
West Sussex County Council	Con	3	3.2	5	5	5.1
Lincolnshire County Council	Con	0	0	5	5	5.1
Spelthorne Borough Council	Con	4.5	5	6	6.5	6.7
Bournemouth Borough Council	Con	5.55	5.7	5.7	5.7	7.81
Buckinghamshire County Council	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	8	8
Warwickshire County Council	Con	1.27	1.33	5.29	12.23	12.13

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Political control</b>					
		<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Essex County Council	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gloucestershire County Council	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kent County Council	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lancashire County Council	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
London Borough of Bromley	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Surrey County Council	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hampshire County Council	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kensington and Chelsea	Con	0	8	8.3	8.7	8.9
Richmond	Con	5	5	5	5	5

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		<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>
Plymouth City Council	Lab	0	0	0	0	0
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	Lab	1	1	1	1	1
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1
City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	Lab	0.45	1	1	1	1.1
Halton Borough Council	Lab	1.03	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.31
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	1.4	1.45	1.49	1.53	1.59
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Derby City Council	Lab	3	3	3.1	3.1	3.2
Warrington Borough Council	Lab	1.6	1.6	3.35	3.35	3.38
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	2.56	2.62	3.71	3.8	3.9
City of York Council	Lab	1.8	1.8	3	3	4

Authority	Political control					
		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	Lab	0.42	0.45	0.5	0.55	4
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	3.7	3.8	4	4.1	4.2
Metropolitan Borough of Wirral	Lab	4.64	4.78	4.78	4.78	4.78
Hartlepool Borough Council	Lab	0	0	0	6.9	6.9
Kingston-Upon-Hull City Council	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
London Borough of Enfield	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
London Borough of Haringey	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wolverhampton Council	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
London Borough of Brent	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gateshead	Lab	1.09	1.2	1.38	1.45	1.5
Islington	Lab	5	5	5	5	5
Darlington	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.9	6.9
Waltham Forest	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nottingham City	Lab	2.5	2.6	4	5	5
Newcastle	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hackney	Lab	0	0	0	0	0
Oldham	Lab	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8



## Home Care Costs:

Authority		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Con	10.4	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.8
Lincolnshire County Council	Con	10.5	10.5	11.93	11.93	11.93
Lancashire County Council	Con	11.9	11.96	11.96	11.96	11.96
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	Con	7.7	8.1	8.5	8.92	12.5
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	Con	16.25	16.65	16.65	16.65	12.68
Cheshire West and Chester	Con				12.78	12.78
East Sussex County Council	Con	13	13	13	13	13
Essex County Council	Con	13.32	13.52	13.52	13.52	13.64
Bournemouth Borough Council	Con	16	13.96	13.96	13.96	13.95
Milton Keynes Council	Con	14	15			14.12
Warwickshire County Council	Con	9.22	11.36	13.37	14.24	14.24
London Borough of Bromley	Con	15.76	16.2	14.64	14.64	14.64
Norfolk County Council	Con	14.04	14.32	14.62	14.62	14.91
Dorset County Council	Con	15	15	15	15	15
Herefordshire Council	Con	Not Available				15.15
North Yorkshire County Council	Con	15	16	16.5	16.9	17.3
Buckinghamshire County Council	Con	13.8	14.2	18	18	18
Hampshire County Council	Con	14.4	14.8	15.2	Up to Actual Cost	Up to Actual Cost
Kensington and Chelsea	Con	7.2	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3
Bexley	Con	Not Available				12.6
Richmond	Con	Not Available				12.5

Authority						
		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	9.36	9.59	9.83	10.08	10.33
Warrington Borough Council	Lab	11	11.28	11.52	10.61	10.72
City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	Lab	9.2	10.45	10.45	11	11
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	Lab	9.64	9.72	11.04	11.04	11.04
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	9.85	10.15	10.72	11.28	11.28
Halton Borough Council	Lab	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.46
Derby City Council	Lab	8	8	11.31	11.72	12.08
Metropolitan Borough of Wirral	Lab	12	12.28	12.28	12.28	12.28
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	10.92	11.25	11.58	11.93	12.37
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	11.5	11.5	12	12.4	12.7
Wolverhampton Council	Lab	13.48	13.48	13.48	13.48	13
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	5	5	13	13	13
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	Lab	12.8	13.2	13.8	13.2	13.2
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	9.64	9.8	10.8	13.05	13.48
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	11.9	12.85	13.9	14.5	14.85
Birmingham City Council	Lab	14.91	16.4	17	17	15
City of York Council	Lab	15.75	16	16	16	16
London Borough of Enfield	Lab	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6
London Borough of Brent	Lab	17.48	17.48	17.48	full cost	full cost
Gateshead	Lab	9.5	11	10.5	11.48	11.48
Newham	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.62	11.62
Islington	Lab	13.64	13.52	13.66	13.66	13.64
Greenwich	Lab	9.7	9.7	11.2	12.5	13
Darlington	Lab	10.51	full cost	full cost	full cost	full cost
Waltham Forest	Lab	15.04	15.28	15.94	16.45	16.94
Nottingham City	Lab	8.9	9.2	11.5	13.66	13.66
Newcastle	Lab	9.75	10	10	11.72	11
Hackney	Lab	10.85	11	11	11	11.35

Authority						
		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Oldham	Lab	12.5	12.5	12.95	12.95	12.95
Tower Hamlets	Lab	0	0	0	0	0

### Weekly Care Charge Cap:

Authority	Political Control					
		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Lincolnshire County Council	Con	126	126	250	250	250
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	Con	245	250	258	271	278
Norfolk County Council	Con	273	278	283.56	283.56	289.22
Essex County Council	Con	439.11	445.69	459.48	459.48	464.1
Lancashire County Council	Con	595	595	625	655	655
Surrey Heath Borough Council	Con	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bournemouth Borough Council	Con	440	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Buckinghamshire County Council	Con	280	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Cheshire West and Chester	Con	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Dorset County Council	Con	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Con	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Hampshire County Council	Con	435.82	440.23	440.23	no cap	no cap
Kent County Council	Con	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
London Borough of Bromley	Con	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Milton Keynes Council	Con	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
North Yorkshire County Council	Con	260	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Surrey County Council	Con	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	Con	176	185	194.25	203.96	no cap

Authority	Political Control					
		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
West Sussex County Council	Con			no cap	no cap	no cap
Spelthorne Borough Council	Con	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Kensington and Chelsea	Con	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Richmond	Con	310	320	no cap	no cap	no cap

Authority	Political Control					
		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Kingston-Upon-Hull City Council	Lab	99	99	99	99	99
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	60	60	90	90	105
Derby City Council	Lab	80	80	125	125	125
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	182.52	188	193.64	199.44	206.82
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	200	200	230	240	246
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	338.91	342.3	335.46	335.46	335.46
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	400	400	400	400	400
City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	Lab	113	402	402	402	402
Birmingham City Council	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
City of York Council	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Halton Borough Council	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Hartlepool Borough Council	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
London Borough of Brent	Lab	415.44	415.44	415.44	no cap	no cap
London Borough of Enfield	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
London Borough of Haringey	Lab	550	550	no cap	no cap	no cap
Metropolitan Borough of Wirral	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Plymouth City Council	Lab	270	270	no cap	no cap	no cap

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		<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	Lab	128	132	no cap	no cap	no cap
Warrington Borough Council	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Wolverhampton Council	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Gateshead	Lab	150	160	184	194	199
Newham	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	200	200
Islington	Lab	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap	no cap
Darlington	Lab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Waltham Forest	Lab	230	233.5	233.5	233.5	no cap
Nottingham City	Lab	78.5	81	no cap	no cap	no cap
Newcastle	Lab	150	150	150	200	400
Knowsley	Lab	150	150	200	200	200