

## **Residential Care Bandings**

### **Band 1: Older People**

People with a degree of disability / frailty (physical, sensory and / or mental) that can be associated with their age. Such people may be able to carry out some self care tasks independently but are in need of general assistance in order to maintain a range of daily living functions, including some supervision and / or assistance with mobility.

The need to move into residential care will frequently be associated with the lack or irretrievable breakdown of social support networks combined with poor motivation to self care. Typically, people requiring this type of residential care will be in receipt of and / or eligible for the lower rate of Attendance Allowance.

### **Band 2: Mental Illness /Drug Alcohol Dependency**

Adults whose ability to maintain the range of daily living functions necessary to reside independently or semi-independently in the community is significantly affected and attributable to clinically diagnosed current or previous mental ill health / drug or alcohol dependency. Such people will typically be capable of performing all self care tasks but will require support and supervision to do so consistently. They are likely to require intervention from staff and community health services in the maintenance of treatment and / or therapeutic regimes in respect of their mental health substance misuse.

The primary need(s) prompting admission are likely to arise from a level of psychological dependence resulting in self neglect and risk to self and / or others if not supervised, combined with an absence or irretrievable breakdown of care / community support networks.

These people will not be eligible at the point of admission for continuing care services from the health authority, their needs in relation to these services however, may be subject to review.

### **Band 3: Dependent Older People**

Older people whose needs are greater than those defined in Band 1 in that they need a significant level of assistance. In effect these people will need many tasks done for them, as opposed to simply requiring supervision or help, this will include the need for supervision or assistance with mobility and / orientation. Such people may also be experiencing considerable difficulty arising from sensory disabilities, physical and or mental disability / frailty.

The primary need prompting admission is likely to arise from such people living alone or with a carer whose level of dependence has exceeded that which can be reasonably met in their own home and / or with the lack or irretrievable breakdown of social support networks. Typically, people requiring this type of residential care will be in receipt of and / or eligible for the higher rate of Attendance Allowance.

#### **Band 4: Learning Disability**

Adults whose ability to maintain the range of daily living functions necessary to reside independently or semi independently is directly or indirectly affected because of a learning disability. A learning disability may be recognised in a number of ways, including Social Services procedures under Section 5 of the Disabled Persons Act. For some individuals, particularly those whose circumstances pre-dated this process, identification by health care professionals will be the formal recognition.

Such people will require support supervision and / or assistance in performing all main self care tasks. In effect they may need some tasks done for them as opposed to simply requiring supervision or help, this will include the need for some supervision or assistance with mobility and, the management of some challenging behaviour. They will also require advice, supervision and / or attention in respect of social, educational and / or recreational skills. They may also require intervention from staff and community nursing services in the maintenance of treatment and / or therapeutic regimes.

The primary need prompting admission is likely to arise from such people living alone (or with a carer) whose level of dependence has exceeded that which can be reasonably met in their own home. These people will typically be in receipt of, or eligible for Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance at either rates.

#### **Band 5: Highly Dependent People / Physical Disability**

People who have a substantial and permanent physical and / or sensory disability when there will frequently be a need for specially adapted facilities. This band can be appropriate for older and younger people and it includes older people who are suffering from the effects of mental ill health where the associated behaviour requires considerable management and support through additional staff attention.

All such people will need the majority of self care tasks carried out by someone else and will need the assistance of more than one person for a significant number of these tasks during the day and / or night. They will also require assistance with transfers and mobility and, the management of some challenging behaviour. These people will typically be in receipt of or eligible for Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance at either rates and may require advice, supervision and / or attention in respect of social educational and / or recreational skills.

Any nursing needs will not require the constant availability of a qualified nurse and will be appropriately met by advice, supervision or attention from community nursing and / or community psychiatric nursing services.

The primary need prompting admission is likely to arise from such people living alone or with a carer whose level of dependence has exceeded that which can be reasonably met in their own home and / or with the lack or irretrievable breakdown of social support networks.