

IMPORTANT NEWS

for people living in East Renfrewshire
who get care at home (not in a care home).



**Some
care services
may start to
cost money**

We want to tell you about possible charges for some care services in East Renfrewshire.

What's changing?

From **1 April 2026**, you might need to pay for some care services at home.

This is because care is getting more expensive and more people need it.

What kind of care might cost money?

You might need to pay for things like:

- Day centres and activities
- Support in the community
- Social support

You will not have to pay for personal care at home, like help with washing or dressing.

Will you have to pay?

- If you are **18 or older** and get care at home, you might be asked to pay.
- You will **only pay if you can afford it**.
- A team will check your income (money you get) to see if you need to pay. This is called a financial assessment.
- If your income is low, you might not have to pay anything.
- **Carers** (people who look after someone else) will not have to pay.
- You will **never pay more than the actual cost** of your care.

Money Advice



& Rights Team

Who Can Help You?

The **Money Advice and Rights Team (MART)** can help you.

They are part of the Council and are:

- Free
- Private (confidential)
- Safe (your information is protected)

MART can:

- Check if you can get more money or benefits (this is called **income maximisation**)
- Look at your income and work out if you need to pay (this is called a **financial assessment**)

Do I have to do a money check?

You don't have to do a money check now.

But we think it's a good idea.

It can help you get ready for April.

You will find out if you might need to pay for your care or not.

How to contact MART

Phone: 0141 577 8420

Monday to Friday, 8:45am – 4:45pm

Website: www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/mart

Let them know if you need extra help with your appointment.



Need help understanding this?

We can give you this information:

- In simpler words
- In a larger print
- In another language

Call: 0141 800 7850

Email: HSCPPA@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

Want more information?

More information can be found at:

www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/info

You can also get help from

- East Renfrewshire SDS Forum:

Call: 0141 638 2525

Email: admin@sdsforumer.org

- East Renfrewshire Carers Centre:

Call: 0141 638 4888

Email: enquiries@eastrenfrewshirecarers.co.uk