

## MOVING TO A CARE HOME CHECKLIST

Any move will inevitably create some challenges and upheaval and require some adjustment. A move to a care home is often particularly difficult because it brings with it a change in lifestyle. Sometimes the move may have evolved unexpectedly e.g. following admission to hospital.

Your care home provider will provide help and advice about the home, routine, what items to bring and talk to you about your requirements. This checklist is designed to assist with the more practical aspects of the move.

**ROYAL MAIL REDIRECTION.** You may wish to set up a redirection of your post.

**FINANCES.** Make a list of any organisations you need to notify about your change of address e.g.

Bank and building societies

Pension providers

National Savings & Investments

Share/investment providers

HM Revenue & Customs

DWP

Accountants/Financial advisors

Solicitor

**HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.** You will need to establish if you can keep your current GP, dentist, optician. Speak to the care home and your healthcare provider. If you need to register with a new healthcare provider, the care home may be able to assist.

**HOME INSURANCE.** It is important to notify the insurance provider of any change in circumstances. The provider will issue a revised policy and confirmation of any restrictions or additional requirements.

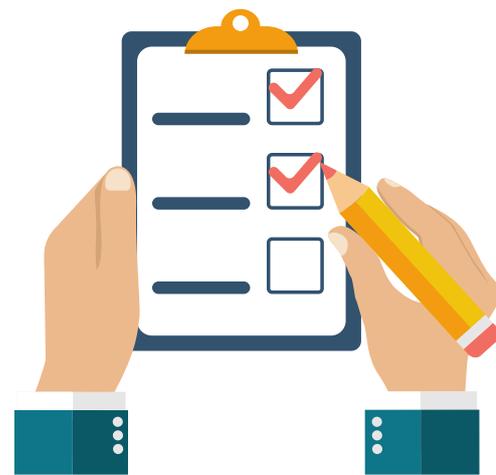
**VEHICLES.** Remember to advise the DVLA and your insurance provider of any change in circumstances.

**SERVICES AND UTILITIES.** Notify the companies providing services to your property and provide meter readings (where applicable) e.g.

Gas, electricity, water, cable/satellite.

Telephone/broadband. If your room at the care home has a private phone line you may be able to transfer your existing phone number.

TV licencing. From June 2020 you will no longer be entitled to a free TV licence when you reach 75, unless you are in receipt of Pension Credits (this is a means tested benefit). First, establish what arrangements the care home has in place, as a resident of a care home you may benefit from a concessionary TV licence. This is known as an Accommodation for Residential Care (ARC) licence and typically equates to £7.50 per resident per annum.



- LOCAL AUTHORITY & COUNCIL TAX.** You may be entitled to a full or part exemption. If your partner, spouse, loved one still resides at the property they may be entitled to a single occupancy reduction.
- OTHER PROVIDERS.** Electoral Commission, milk delivery, memberships, mobile phone company, all organisations, charities and magazine subscriptions.
- PLANNING AHEAD.** Our Later Life Support team here at Mogers Drewett are dedicated to providing practical and empathetic support for older relatives and friends or those who for other reasons such as illness require more than just legal advice.

**Lasting Power of Attorney.** Perhaps you have a family member or friend assisting you with your day to day affairs or may require some assistance in the future.

A Power of Attorney is a legal document where you (the Donor) appoint someone (your Attorney/s) to manage and make decisions about your affairs in the event that you are unwilling or unable to do so.

One of the benefits of having a Lasting Power of Attorney in place is the reassurance of knowing that in the future, if you are no longer able to make decisions for yourself, you have appointed someone that you know and trust to make those decisions for you. Our experienced team can advise and guide you through the process and options available.

**Your Will.** It is important to review your current Will and consider your wishes following any change of circumstance. There's no doubt that getting your Will in place sooner rather than later gives you - and the ones you care about - a lot of peace of mind. It is the only way of making sure all your wishes are carried out just the way you want.

Our experienced Wills and Inheritance team at Mogers Drewett solicitors can assist you with making a Will and considering inheritance plans.

**Financial Review.** Following your change in circumstances there may be certain exemptions and benefits you are entitled to claim.

An expected or unexpected change in your circumstances can result in a dramatic change to your financial position. We fully understand the pressures this can place upon individuals and their families. Equally, we have many years of experience protecting those who have suffered a change in circumstances and a resulting dramatic change in their financial position.

To discuss how our specialist, supportive team can help, please get in touch. You can speak to us on 0800 533 5349 or reach us on email at [enquiries@mogersdrewett.com](mailto:enquiries@mogersdrewett.com)

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