

Moving into a care home can be a difficult change often because it means a change in lifestyle but sometimes because it is unexpected.

Your care home provider will help you settle in and provide 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

- Bank and building societies
- Pension providers
- National Savings & Investments
- Share / investment providers
- HM Revenue & Customs
- Department for Work & Pensions
- Life policies & Insurance policies
- 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. Some policies can lapse after a 30 day period of unoccupancy. 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)

- 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.
- Life Line
- 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 on council tax. If your partner, spouse, loved one still resides at the property they may be entitled to a single occupancy reduction.

### Other providers

Electoral Commission, food delivery, memberships, mobile phone company, all organisations, charities and magazine subscriptions.

## Planning ahead

Our Later Life Support team 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. Our services are completely personal to you and your family and take in to account what you need now and what you may need in the future. Our services include:

### Lasting Power of Attorney

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal document where you appoint someone you trust to support you with decision making, or to make decisions on your behalf if you are no longer able to. 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 of your choice to make those decisions for you.

### Will

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. It is important to review your Will when moving into a care home to ensure your wishes are still being met.

### Financial Review

Any 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. Please speak to us about arranging a free financial review with our Financial Planning Team who can ensure you are aware of any exemptions and/or benefits you are entitled to claim.

**To discuss how our specialist 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).**