MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

Live-in care or a care home?

A fair comparison to help you decide what is right, whether you are choosing for yourself or with someone else.



IN BRIEF

Live-in care gives one-to-one support in your own home; a care home offers company around the clock and on-site staff. Live-in care with Day and Nightcare starts from £1,550 a week for one person, in the same range as many care homes, and for a couple it is from £1,800 a week where one carer can safely support both partners, which can cost less than two care home places. The right choice depends on the person.

Side by side

	Live-in care	Care home
Where	Your own home	A new home, shared with other residents

	Live-in care	Care home
Attention	One-to-one, from a carer who gets to know you	Staff caring for several residents
Routine	Your own: meals, visitors, bedtime	Fits around the home's routine
Couples and pets	Pets stay at home; a couple can stay together where one carer can safely support both (assessed for each couple)	Depends on the home
Company	Your carer, family, friends and neighbours	Other residents and activities on site
At night	Your carer sleeps nearby and can help now and then; if help is needed most nights, a waking night carer works in shifts with the day carer	Night staff on duty
Cost	From £1,550 a week with us for one person, including our care team's management and the carer's food; break cover and the carer's travel are extra. For a couple, from £1,800 a week where one carer can safely support both. If help is needed most nights, 24-hour care in shifts is quoted separately	Varies by home and the care needed

When live-in care may suit best

- Home means a great deal to the person, and a move would be distressing.
- A couple would like to stay together, and one carer can safely meet both partners' needs.
- The person is living with dementia and is calmer in familiar surroundings.
- One-to-one attention matters more than having lots of people around.

When a care home may suit best

- The person would enjoy having others around them all day.
- Their home cannot be adapted, or there is no spare bedroom for a carer.
- They need nursing care or equipment that cannot be provided at home.

We will give you an honest view. If we think a care home would serve someone better, we will tell you. Please call 01865 715780 to talk it through.

Questions people ask

Is live-in care better than a care home?

It depends on the person. Live-in care offers one-to-one support in your own home, can keep pets at home and, where one carer can safely meet both partners' needs, a couple together, and avoids the upheaval of a move. A care home can suit people who would enjoy having company around them all day, or who need equipment and staffing that a home cannot accommodate.

Is live-in care more expensive than a care home?

Not always. Live-in care with Day and Nightcare starts from £1,550 a week, similar to the fees many care homes charge people who pay for themselves, and the support is one-to-one. For a couple, live-in care is from £1,800 a week where one carer can safely support both partners, which can cost less than two care home places. Care home fees vary widely, so it is worth comparing written quotes.

Live-in care
From £1,550 a week, one-to-one at home

Assessment
Free, with no obligation

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