# Gaddum ... Carers

# Hi, I'm Gaddum. Let's talk about... Residential Stays

If the person you care for needs additional support and you are considering residential care (whether long-term or for respite), you can receive support from adult social care to look at the options available, finances and what this will look like for the person you care for.

Salford Council will provide the person you care for with a financial assessment to determine how much they will need to contribute to the cost of the care home, in some cases (dependent on savings) they will fund the cost of the stay. The assessment will take into consideration any benefits they receive, pensions, savings and a personal allowance that they can use for the things they need such as toiletries and personal items.

A care coordinator will guide you as a family through the process of moving into residential care, they will give you a list of residential homes that you can discuss as a family before making a decision, you may be able to view the home (if safe to do so, depending on current COVID-19 restrictions.)

If the person you care for is receiving benefits when they go into residential care it is important you contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to inform them of the date they are admitted. If they are in residential care for 28 days or longer some benefits may be stopped until they come home, or permanently if their stay is long-term.

### **Advice and information**

Adult social care

If you would like to arrange a care needs assessment or additional support for a family member that you care for, you can refer them to adult social care using the online form, <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to access it or telephone them on 0161 631 4777.

# **Carers UK**

Carers UK is a national charity for carers. They have a telephone advice line, online forum and many helpful factsheets and resources for you to access completely free of charge. Click here for more information or call them on 0808 808 7777.

## The CQC

The Care Quality Commissioner provides information and reviews on residential care homes and care providers. <u>Click here</u> to read information and reviews left by other carers.