

## **Appendix Two**

Review of my financial assessment for social care charges

**Your name and address**

**Date**

**Dear**

**Re: review of my financial assessment for social care charges**

I am writing to request a review of my financial assessment.

On \_\_\_\_ date I received my financial assessment record, the outcome of which is that I have to pay £\_\_\_\_\_ towards my social care support. I disagree with this calculation and would like you to change it.

Para 8.2 of the Care and Support Statutory Guidance issued by the Department of Health makes it clear that councils can only charge what I can reasonably afford to pay. The Guidance further makes it clear that I should be left with minimum income guarantee, the purpose of which is to promote independence and social inclusion and ensure that I have sufficient funds to meet basic needs such as purchasing food, utility costs or insurance.

I cannot afford to pay £ XX per week. I am attaching a list of my income and expenditure, so you can see how little I have left to live on. This shows that in reality I will not have enough funds to meet my basic needs.

The above mentioned guidance also says a para 8.42 where a person receives benefits to meet their disability needs that do not meet the eligibility criteria for local authority care and support, the charging arrangements should ensure that they keep enough money to cover the cost of meeting these disability-related costs.

I believe the way the assessment was carried out and the calculations do not ensure I keep enough money to meet my disability-related costs.

Here are the items I spend money on because I am disabled

I would like you to recalculate my contribution taking into account my DRE listed above. If you do not consider items above to be DRE, please give detailed reasons. I am also concerned that at no point during my financial assessment any attempts were made to support me in identifying my Disability Related Expenditure.

What I want as an outcome from this letter

- A recalculation of my contribution
- A change in the way you do financial assessments and assess disability related expenditure to ensure everyone who needs to is supported to identify their DRE.

Yours faithfully,

Your name