

Appendix

Methodology behind the number of people who have sold their home to pay for care

How we calculated this figure

- For each year we identified how many self-funders there were. This was through the Laing Buisson Care of Older People UK Market Report.
- We then utilised the 2001 Department of Health survey that showed that some 30% of self-funders had sold their home before entering residential care.
- Having found 30% of the number of self-funders, we then divided this figure by 2.5 as this was the average stay in a residential care home¹¹.
- This calculation has been confirmed by Laing Buisson (<https://fullfact.org/health/how-many-people-are-forced-sell-their-homes-pay-care>).

Note on figures

- Although the data regarding what % of self-funders have to sell their homes is not recent, the Department of Health and Social Care have not updated this estimate in the interim, so it is the most accurate that is available to us.
- The average length of stay data is also not that recent but remains the most up to date work for us to use.

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11 PSSRU and Bupa, Length of stay in care homes, 2011