

Local Authorities comparison

This review was a desktop review of charging policies found online in January 2026. Policies may have changed since this exercise was carried out.

Table 1: Community Alarm charges from other Local Authorities

Local Authority	Weekly charge 25/26
Edinburgh	£9.72
Argyll and Bute	£6.85
North Ayrshire (mainland)	£6.85
Angus	£6.37
East Renfrewshire	£6.30
Aberdeenshire	£6.04
Scottish Borders	£5.73
East Ayrshire	£5.22
Renfrewshire	£5.13
South Ayrshire	£5.10
Midlothian	£5.05
East Lothian	£5.00
Falkirk	£5.00
East Dunbartonshire	£4.86
Perth and Kinross	£4.86
Clackmannanshire	£4.83
Stirling	£4.83
Dundee City	£4.40
Glasgow City	£4.15
North Lanarkshire	£3.75
Moray	£3.69
Dumfries and Galloway	£3.60
North Ayrshire (islands)	£3.43
Inverclyde	£3.30
Shetland Islands	£3.30
Fife	£3.24
South Lanarkshire	£2.33

Table 2 Older people day services

Local Authority	Charge 25/26
Edinburgh	£10.50 per day
Argyll and Bute	Charge via financial assessment. Maximum charge is £145 per week.
North Ayrshire	£19.79 per day
Angus	Could not find their policy
East Renfrewshire	Don't currently charge for social care but will be introducing charging in 2026 if approved. Not clear the Council has day services as a service.
Aberdeenshire	£40.83 per day
Scottish Borders	£33.04 per half day
East Ayrshire	£4 per day
Renfrewshire	Charge via financial assessment. No maximum charge.
South Ayrshire	Doesn't state a charge. Not clear if they provide this as a service
Midlothian	Subject to financial assessment. There is no maximum charge.
East Lothian	£2.50 per day
Falkirk	£6.80 per week (£1.36 per day)
East Dunbartonshire	£30 per day
Perth and Kinross	Website was down at time of search
Clackmannanshire	£15.96 per hour (assume 6hr in a day £95.76 per day)
Stirling	£15.96 per hour (assume 6hr in a day £95.76 per day)
Dundee City	Subject to financial assessment. Charge is £49.80 per day
Glasgow City	£53.93 per day (limited to £20.10 per day) Financial assessment is undertaken.
North Lanarkshire	£11.03 per day
Moray	Subject to financial assessment. No Maximum charge. Unclear if they have day service has a service.
Dumfries and Galloway	£18.69 per day
Inverclyde	Could not find their policy online
Shetland Islands	Subject to financial assessment. No Maximum charge.
Fife	Could not find their policy online
South Lanarkshire	Subject to financial assessment. Charge is £38.38 per day.

Table 3 Learning Disability services

Local Authority	Charge 25/26
Edinburgh	Doesn't state a charge. Not clear if they provide this as a service
Argyll and Bute	Charge via financial assessment. Maximum charge is £145 per week.
North Ayrshire	£20.61 per day
Angus	Could not find their policy
East Renfrewshire	Don't currently charge for social care but will be introducing charging in 2026 if approved. Not clear the Council has day services as a service.
Aberdeenshire	£148.04 per day
Scottish Borders	Doesn't state a charge. Not clear if they provide this as a service
East Ayrshire	Doesn't state a charge. Not clear if they provide this as a service
Renfrewshire	Charge via financial assessment. No maximum charge.
South Ayrshire	Doesn't state a charge. Not clear if they provide this as a service
Midlothian	Charge via financial assessment. There is no maximum charge.
East Lothian	£2.50 per day
Falkirk	£36 per week
East Dunbartonshire	£30 per day
Perth and Kinross	Website was down at time of search
Clackmannanshire	£15.96 per hour (assume 6hr in a day £95.76 per day)
Stirling	£15.96 per hour (assume 6hr in a day £95.76 per day)
Dundee City	£78.50 per half day. Financial assessment is undertaken.
Glasgow City	£152.71 per day. Financial assessment is undertaken.
North Lanarkshire	Doesn't state a charge. Not clear if they provide this as a service
Moray	Subject to financial assessment. No Maximum charge. Unclear if they have day service has a service.
Dumfries and Galloway	£18.69 per day
Inverclyde	Could not find their policy
Shetland Islands	Subject to financial assessment. No Maximum charge.
Fife	Could not find their policy online
South Lanarkshire	Subject to financial assessment. Charge is £39.85 per day.

Links to Charging Policy

https://aberdeenshirestorage.blob.core.windows.net/acblobstorage/a7094bc2-cf4f-49d3-8fa4-828c6dc871...
https://hscp.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/media/15228/Social-Care-Charging-Policy-Non-residential-and-resi...
https://health.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/media/d2hbt1ct/new-charging-policy.pdf
https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s73472/8.2%20Contributing%20to%20your%20care%20-%20soc...
https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s216026/1-2526%20Proposed%20Fees%20and%20Charges...
https://www.nahscp.org/Documents/social-care-charging-policy-non-residential-and-residential-care-S...
https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/13416/charging-policy-2025-2026
https://www1.renfrewshire.gov.uk/media/17151/Charging-for-non-residential-social-care-for-adults-po...
https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/585/charging_policy_for_residential_and_non-residentia...
https://www.clacks.gov.uk/social/communitycarechargingpolicy/
https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/social-care/accessing-care-and-support/charges-for-care-services
East Lothian was a direct link
https://clacksandstirlinghscp.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2025/09/Adult-Social-Work-Services-So...
Changes to care charges - East Renfrewshire Council
https://www.dundeehscp.com/sites/default/files/2024-05/Charging%20Information%20on%20Care%2024-25.p...
https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/media/2326/Social-Care-Charging-Policy/pdf/Social_Care_Charging_Policy_2...
https://northlanarkshire.cmis.uk.com/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=lgetZI3Csu1f%2f...
https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/12718/charging_policy_for_non-residential_servic...
http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_85138.html
https://www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-02/SWS-Updated-Charging-Policy-2425...
https://www.nahscp.org/Documents/social-care-charging-policy-non-residential-and-residential-care-S...
https://www.shetland.gov.uk/downloads/file/7340/care-frequently-asked-questions-2023-2024