

## Adult social care precept– 2024/25

The government has allowed councils which provide social care to adults to increase their share of council tax by up to an extra 2% in comparison to last year's council tax. This additional charge is called the adult social care precept.

This started in 2016 and it is a government requirement that this precept is shown as a separate line on the bill. Gloucestershire County Council is the authority which provides adult social care, and we collect this charge on their behalf.

For the 2024/25 charge year Gloucestershire County Council has set an adult social care precept increase of 2.00%, and a general precept increase of 2.99%, resulting in an overall rounded increase of 5% in 2024/25.

### Band D - Calculation for ASC and General Precept Increase

Precepts	2023/24	% increase	2024/25 increase	2024/25
General precept	£1324.94	2.99%	£1523.78 x 2.99% = 45.56	£1370.50
Adult Social Care Precept	£198.84	2%	£1523.78 x 2% = 30.48	£229.32
Total	£1523.78	4.99%	£1523.78 x 4.99% = 76.04	£1599.82

The adult social care precept will increase by 2%, which is 2% of the total 2023/24 bill of £1523.78 and not 2% of the adult social care element of £198.84. Likewise, the 2.99% increase is in fact 2.99% of the total 2023/24 bill and not just the general element of the £1324.94 2023/24 bill.

### Statement concerning adult social care funding

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has made an offer to adult social care authorities. ("Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer is the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge a "precept" of up to 2% on its council tax for the financial year beginning in 2016 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State intends to offer the option of charging the "precept" in relation to each financial year up to and including the financial year 2024-25.