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Fees per week	Quality rating*
£	
£	
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We suggest that you take paper with you when visiting care homes so that you can make notes. You can download and print this checklist at www.carechoices.co.uk/checklists

Staff

What is the minimum number of staff that are available at any time? ☐ ☐ ☐

Are staff respectful, friendly and polite? ☐ ☐ ☐

Do staff have formal training? ☐ ☐ ☐

Are the staff engaging with residents? ☐ ☐ ☐

Activities

Can you get involved in activities you enjoy? ☐ ☐ ☐

Is there an activities co-ordinator? ☐ ☐ ☐

Does the home organise any outings? ☐ ☐ ☐

Are residents escorted to appointments? ☐ ☐ ☐

Do the residents seem entertained? ☐ ☐ ☐

Does the home have a varied activities schedule? ☐ ☐ ☐

Life in the home

Is the home adapted to suit your needs? ☐ ☐ ☐

Can you bring your own furniture? ☐ ☐ ☐

Are there enough plug sockets in the rooms? ☐ ☐ ☐

Are there restrictions on going out? ☐ ☐ ☐

Is there public transport nearby? ☐ ☐ ☐

Does the home provide any transport? ☐ ☐ ☐

Can you make/receive calls privately? ☐ ☐ ☐

Can you decide when to get up and go to bed? ☐ ☐ ☐

Does the home allow pets? ☐ ☐ ☐

Does the home use Digital Care Planning accessible to families? ☐ ☐ ☐

Personal preferences

Is the home too hot/cold? Can you control the heating in your room? ☐ ☐ ☐

Is the décor to your taste? ☐ ☐ ☐

Are there restricted visiting hours? ☐ ☐ ☐

Is there somewhere you can go to be alone? ☐ ☐ ☐

Does the home feel welcoming? ☐ ☐ ☐

Catering

Can the home cater for any dietary requirements you may have? ☐ ☐ ☐

Does the menu change regularly? ☐ ☐ ☐

Can you eat when you like, even at night? ☐ ☐ ☐

Can you have food in your room? ☐ ☐ ☐

Is there a choice of food at mealtimes? ☐ ☐ ☐

Is alcohol available/allowed if you want it? ☐ ☐ ☐

Can visitors join you for meals? ☐ ☐ ☐

Fees

Do your fees cover all of the services and activities? ☐ ☐ ☐

Are fees likely to change regularly? ☐ ☐ ☐

Is the notice period for cancellation of the contract reasonable? ☐ ☐ ☐

Could you have a trial period? ☐ ☐ ☐

Can you keep your room if you go into hospital? ☐ ☐ ☐

Can you handle your own money? ☐ ☐ ☐