

Care Comparison

Compare the key differences between Live-in Care, Home Care, and Care Homes — from independence and personalisation to emergency support and social interaction — to help identify the most suitable care option for each individual's needs.

Feature	Live-in Care		Home Care Visits		Care Home
Caregiver Presence	✓	24/7 dedicated support	✗	Limited to scheduled visits	✓ Staff on-site but shared duties
Independence	✓	Full independence at home	✓	High but with gaps in support	✗ Reduced independence in communal setting
Personalised Care	✓	One-to-one tailored care	⚠	Limited by time constraints	✗ Shared care across residents
Continuity & Familiarity	✓	Stay in familiar surroundings	✓	At home but with rotating carers	✗ New environment, potential disruption
Emergency Response	✓	Immediate - carer is present	✗	Delayed - depends on visit timing	✓ Staff available but may be busy
Household Support	✓	Includes cooking, cleaning, errands	⚠	Limited - depends on care plan	✓ Included in facility services
Privacy & Dignity	✓	High - own space and routines	✓	High - own home	✗ Shared spaces and routines
Social Interaction	✓	Your own schedule to meet friends, shopping or eating out	⚠	Limited unless family visits	✓ Built-in community activities
Property Ownership	✓	You keep your home—no impact on property or assets	✓	You keep your home—care costs don't affect property	✗ Home may be sold to cover care home fees
Pricing Transparency	✓	Clear invoicing—know exactly what you're paying for	✓	Transparent billing based on care plan	✗ Optional lifestyle extras not included in standard care—charged separately.
Best For	✓	Complex needs, companionship, continuity, and full control	⚠	Moderate needs, short-term support	✗ High care needs with less personalisation