

3 top questions when entering aged care



THERE are three top questions people ask when moving to a residential aged care facility, said Amanda Cassar from Trusted Aged Care Services.

"The first is 'what do I need to do to enter a facility?'" she said.

"Approval is the first step required and an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) member must conduct a health check to determine eligibility." She said people could request an assessment via myagedcare.gov.au or by calling 1800 200 422.

"The second question we are often

asked by people is 'how do I find a service?'" she said.

"People can use aged care placement providers, such as ourselves, or they can visit My Aged Care to find a facility that suits them.

"Once assessed as eligible, they can visit various facilities to find the one that suits them best, or some even like to arrange a couple of weeks respite care to 'try before they buy'."

Ms Cassar said the third question often asked was 'how will I fund it?'

"Usually, people are required to pay

a Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) plus a basic daily fee, which is 80 per cent of the basic single age pension," she said.

"A means-tested fee may also apply depending on their income and assets."

She said that for people who wanted extra options, an additional services fee may also apply.

"Getting accurate figures can be done with the assistance of an advisor qualified to provide Aged Care Advice," she said.

"Some are able to sell the family home to fully or partially fund the RAD, or others choose to pay a daily amount in lieu of a lump sum payment.

"This is still in addition to the daily fee and means-tested fee.

"It can be a complex area and tricky to navigate.

"People can arrange an appointment with us for assistance."

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