

Expenditure Due to Disability

Disability related expenditure is additional expenditure that a person incurs for items or services because of their disability or long term condition which cannot be addressed in the personal budget they receive from a local authority. Disability related expenditure can only be considered where the person receiving the care service is in receipt of:

- Attendance allowance
- Care component of Disability Living Allowance
- Daily living component of Personal Independence Payment

The following are examples of the type of disability related expenditure that would be considered in the Financial Assessment. This list is not intended to be exhaustive and **any reasonable additional costs directly related to a person's disability will be considered**. This may include:

- Payment for any community alarm system not already paid for by the Council.
- Costs of any privately arranged care services required, including respite care
- Costs of any specialist items needed to meet the person's disability needs

Illustrative examples of specialist items may include:

- Day or night care which is not being arranged by the Council
- Specialist washing powders or laundry
- Additional costs of special dietary needs due to illness or disability (the person may be asked for permission to approach their GP in cases of doubt)
- Special clothing or footwear, for example, where this needs to be specially made; or additional wear and tear to clothing and footwear caused by disability
- Additional costs of bedding, for example, because of incontinence
- Any heating costs, or metered costs of water, above the average levels for the area and housing type, occasioned by age, medical condition or disability
- Reasonable costs of basic garden maintenance, cleaning, or domestic help, if necessitated by the individual's disability and not met by social services
- Purchase, maintenance, and repair of disability-related equipment, including equipment or transport needed to enter or remain in work; this may include IT costs, where necessitated by the disability; reasonable hire costs of equipment may be included, if due to waiting for supply of equipment from the Council
- Personal assistance costs, including any household or other necessary costs arising for the person
- Other transport costs necessitated by illness or disability, including costs of transport to day centres, over and above the mobility component of DLA or PIP, if in payment and available for these costs. In some cases, it may be reasonable for a council not to take account

of claimed transport costs – if, for example, a suitable, cheaper form of transport, for example, council provided

- transport to day centres is available, but has not been used

In some cases, it may be reasonable for a council not to allow for items where a reasonable alternative is available at lesser cost.

Please provide details of disability related expenditure to be considered in the Financial Assessment.

You will need to provide evidence of this expenditure which might include:-

- Receipts, bills or statements from whoever is providing the item or service
- Bank statements showing the expenditure incurred