



Money you spend due to your disability Disability Related Expenditure (DRE)



This leaflet tells you how the Council looks at the money you spend due to your disability or ill health.

This is called Disability Related Expenditure (DRE).

The Council looks at this when it works out how much you have to pay for your care and support.

This is called a Financial Assessment.



Examples of what you spend money on due to your disability



It can be hard to think about the extra money you spend due to your disability.



Think about your day-to-day life and what items and services you use.



Think about what you spend due to your disability or ill health and what someone else you know who does not have a disability or long-term health condition spends.



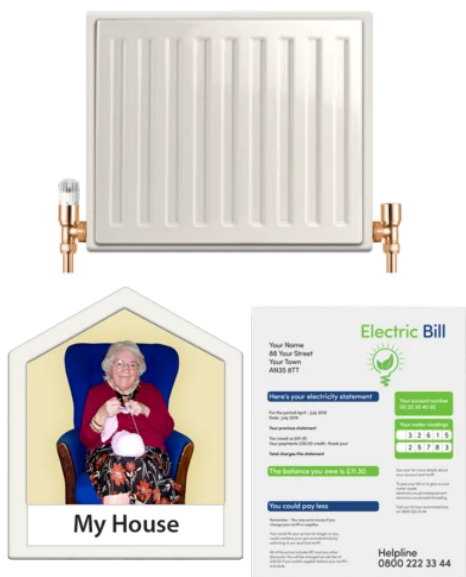
You may use some items and services more often sometimes.



It may help to look at bills/ receipts to see what you spend in a week/month/year and what is due to your disability.

Examples

Extra heating



Do you feel the cold and need to put the heating on higher?

Do you need the heating on at night?

Do you spend more time at home because of disability and use more power?



Does your carer need to be awake at night?



Do you use more water due to extra washing for yourself or your carer?

Community alarm system



Community alarm service, warden-call system, Safe and Connected service.

Extra washing costs



Do you spend extra money on washing clothes or bed covers or dry cleaning, because of your illness or disability?





This may be because you may wet yourself at times or because you need to change your clothes more often for some other reason, such as doing things by mistake due to your disability.

Does your night care worker need to use your washing machine for their bed sheets?

You may need to clean your sofa, tables, chairs and carpets a lot to stop them getting dirty or broken, due to disability.

Prescriptions, Chemist items and Toiletries



If you pay for your medicine and tablets.

Extra dressings, creams, painkillers, which do not come under free prescriptions.

	<p>Extra things like more toilet paper, cotton wool or bleach, because of your disability or illness.</p>
<p>Special clothing bedding or footwear</p>    	<p>Clothes or shoes made for you or the costs of making changes to your clothes (e.g. having velcro instead of buttons)</p> <p>Warmer clothes because you feel the cold (like warm underwear)</p> <p>Or for some other reason such as having to buy more clothing or bedding due to your disability or illness. Maybe an overnight care worker may need bedding.</p> <p>It may be easier to think about the extra costs you spend over a year.</p>
<p>Respite care – not sorted</p>	

out by the council



You may need to spend more money due to your disability when you go on holiday, such as a carer (or carers) or if you rent special equipment (e.g. wheelchair or hoists) when you go away.

Your holiday insurance may be higher because you have a disability.

Private payments for cleaning, keeping your garden tidy and help at home



This is if you pay someone out of your own money to do your garden, clean and you can not do these yourself because of your disability.

Disability-related

equipment



You may need to buy things to help you from time to time like a wheelchair, bed, mattress, hoist and so on.

Transport costs



Use of taxis if you are not able to use public transport.



Transport to get to health checkups and meetings.

If you have a Personal Assistant/ Carer and you need to pay for their travel costs to go with you these can also be worked out and be part of the money you spend due to your disability.



If you receive the mobility component of DLA or PIP, the transport costs you put on the form must be the amount you need to pay more than the mobility benefit (e.g. up-front costs for a Motability vehicle, to meet your disability needs).

Please remember the money everyone spends due to their disability is different. If you spend money on something that is not listed above, you should still add it on your form.

How we take into account the money you spend due to your disability to work out what you must pay for your care and support



You must get one of the following benefits.

- Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance (Care Component)

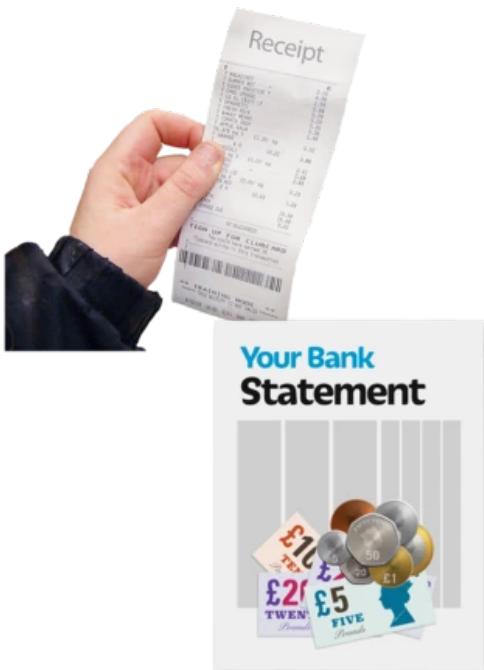


- Personal Independence Payment (Daily living Component).

Your social worker may have put your needs due to your disability or ill health in your Care and Support Plan.

This will show that you need to spend more money due to your disability.

Proof of the money you spend due to your disability



The Council will ask for proof of the money you spend due to your disability.

This is proof of the cost such as bills/ invoices/receipts, contracts and bank statements.

You may also be asked to say why the money you spend is because of your disability.



The Council may need more proof for the things you have put on your form or they may not agree in some cases.



We will not be able to include all the money you spend due to your disability.



You can talk about this with the Finance Team or your Social Worker.

If we do not allow any of the things you have said you spend money on due to your disability, you can let us know that you do not agree with this.



The money you spend due to your disability must be your money.



If you are not able to give us proof of this, you will need to give proof of the money you will spend in the future.



When you give us the proof of the money you spend, the Council will look at this again.



The Council will work out the money you need to pay from the date we first looked at your claim.

If you would like more information about Disability Related Expenditure please call your social worker or the Adult Social Care Finance Team on

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