

Direct Payment for Carers - Service Information

Thank you for applying for the Direct Payment for Carers (DPFC).

Here is a summary of essential information you will need to know before your application can be completed:-

- The DPFC is an annual sum of money available to carers to provide respite from their caring role
 - You may only apply for the DPFC if you have received a carer's assessment and there is an identified need for respite.
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- To be eligible to receive the DPFC payment, you must provide evidence that the person being cared for receives one of the following:-
- **High** Rate Attendance Allowance
 - **Highest** Rate Disability Living Allowance (DLA) Care Component
 - **Enhanced** Daily Living Component PIP

We must see the original and will take a copy of one of the above documents which should be dated within the last financial year; even if the eligibility is classed as 'indefinite'.

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If the person you care for does not receive the above benefits you may still be eligible if they have a social care package in place or have a CPN.

If you have applied for the DPFC in previous years, the service must have received all receipts as evidence that the payment awarded to you was used according to your last year's agreement. It is your responsibility to provide these receipts in a timely manner and we cannot process any future applications without them.

Receiving the DPFC payment in previous years does not guarantee that you will receive it again this year.

Please note - Applications for the DPFC can take up to 8 weeks to be processed from your assessment date. Contacting the service during this timescale will not speed up the application process, so please be assured that we will make contact ourselves if we require any further information.



Providing Quality Care



Eligible within the DPFC respite scheme:

- Short breaks
- Activities and meals out/days away from your caring role (inc. travel costs)
- Hobbies - *gardening equipment, craft materials etc.*
- Sporting equipment and passes – *bicycles, fishing rods, football pass etc.*
- Health & Wellbeing – *spa breaks, gym membership, pampering (hair/nails/massage etc.)*
- Further education – *training courses, subscriptions to educational resources etc.*
- *Meals from Restaurants delivered to home but not take-always such as chip shops/kebab shops.*

Not eligible within the DPFC respite scheme:

- White goods
- Mobile phones
- Household furniture - *beds, bedding etc.*
- Clothes
- Travel costs not relating to days away from your caring role (eg. appointment attendance)
- Receipts for petrol/diesel
- Electrical goods - *TV, iPad etc.*
- Household expenses - *Internet charge etc.*
- Decorating/DIY materials
- Household repairs