

Disability Related Expenditure

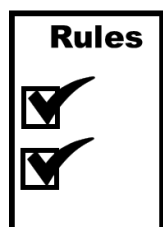


This easy read document is about Disability Related Expenditure (DRE) – the extra costs you have to pay for the support you may need.

What is Disability Related Expenditure?



Some people have to pay for extra things because of their disability or care needs. We call these Disability Related Expenses.



You can claim for these costs if you meet these rules:



1. The cost is necessary

This means your claim is for the things you need.



2. The cost is reasonable

This means the cost is a fair price for what you are buying.

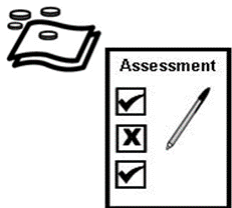


3. You need these things because of your disability or illness

4. You get a disability benefit

such as:

- Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance (Care Component)
- PIP Personal Independence Payment (Daily Living Component)



If you have to pay towards your care, Nottinghamshire County Council will do a financial assessment to work out how much you can afford.



If you have questions or think you need an assessment, please [contact our Financial Assistance and Assessment Team.](#)

Things to think about



What do you spend day to day because of your disability that someone without a disability does not have to spend.



This can include things such as:

- Fuel (gas /electricity etc)
- Laundry
- Bedding



There are more [examples at the end of this document](#).



Ask the person helping you to visit the [Paying for care and support pages](#) on our website, which includes information on Disability Related Expenditure.

Preparing for an assessment



It will help your financial assessment if you have information about the expenses you have because of your disability or illness.



These can be things such as:

- your bills
- receipts for things you have purchased
- keeping a record of what you spend.



The council will look at your Disability Related Expenses together with the financial assessment.



This is how the council works out how much you should pay towards your care and support.



The council want to make sure you have enough money left to live your life, as well as paying for any essential needs.

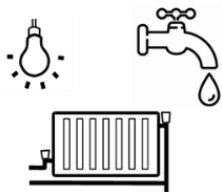


REMEMBER



If you or the person helping you have any questions about Disability Related Expenses please talk to a social care worker or [get in touch with the Community Assessment Team](#).

What can be included as a Disability Related Expense



Utilities

- Fuel (gas /electricity etc)
- Water Bills

Home maintenance



- Support to look after your garden
- Cleaning
- Window cleaning
- Support to decorate, repair and maintain your home

Clothing and bedding

- Laundry
- Clothing needing to replace more frequently
- Specialist clothing or alterations to clothing
- Bedding



Health and support

- Prescriptions
- Specialist Dietary Requirements
- Privately arranged care
- Health needs not covered by the NHS



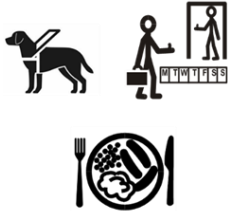
Mobility and Equipment

- Electric Wheelchair / Mobility Scooter
- Manual wheelchair
- Specialist Bed and equipment
- Replacement Mattress
- Maintenance and repair of specialist equipment
- Rental of specialist equipment



- Insurance on equipment

Support and care



- Therapy and/or assistance animals
- Accommodation costs for breaks/respice
- Meals for carers/support worker

Technology and Accessibility

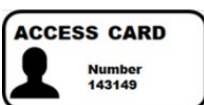


- Computer / laptop / tablet and any specialist software
- Technology enabled care that supports your independence



Financial and legal

- Appointee and Deputy Fees
- Disability entitlement / identity cards



Financial Assistance and Assessment Team



You can contact our Financial Assistance and Assessment Team by:

Phone: 0115 977 5760

when asked press option 3



Email:

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@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:acfs.communityassessments@nottscc.gov.uk)

Links in this document

Nottinghamshire County Council – Paying for social care

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care/paying-for-care

For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[Disability Related Expenditure Guidance | Nottinghamshire County Council](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/policy-library/91943/what-is-disability-related-expenditure)

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