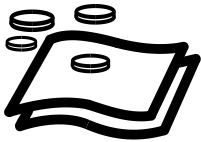




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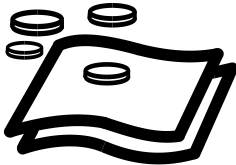


This easy read document is about Disability Related Expenditure (DRE).

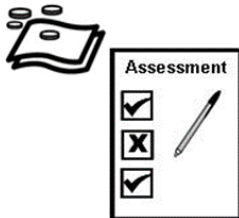


These are the costs you have for the support you may need.

## What is Disability Related Expenditure?



When you pay towards your care, Nottinghamshire County Council will work out how much you can afford.



This is called a financial assessment.



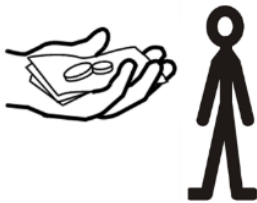
Some people pay for extra things because of their disability or care needs.



We call these Disability Related Expenses.



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



1. You must get a disability benefit such as:

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



2. The cost is necessary.

This means your claim is for the things you need.



3. The cost is reasonable.

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



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



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.



You or the person the person supporting you can visit the [Paying for care and support pages](#) on our website, here you will find more information on Disability Related Expenditure.

## Preparing for an assessment



To help with your financial assessment it is useful to have information about the things you pay for because of your disability or illness.



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.



A financial assessment 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.

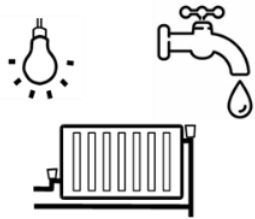


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If you or the person your helping has any questions about Disability Related Expenses please talk to a social care worker or get in touch with the Community Assessment Team.

# What could be included as a Disability Related Expense



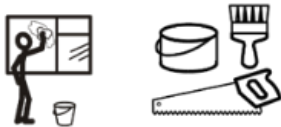
## Utilities

- 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 needs
- 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/respite



- Meals for carers/support worker



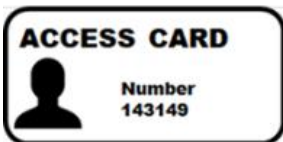
### **Technology and Accessibility**

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



### **Financial and legal**

- Appointee and Deputy Fees
- Disability entitlement and 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:**

[acfs.financialassessments@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:acfs.financialassessments@nottsc.gov.uk)



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

- [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care/paying-for-care](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care/paying-for-care)

## Links in this document

- **Nottinghamshire County Council – Paying for social care**

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