

# Paying for Non-residential Care & Support

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## Factsheet 4 Disability Related Expenditure (DRE)

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This is an allowance that is made in your financial assessment for additional expenses you have (if any) due to a disability or medical condition.

The Council policy allows for a standard rate of disability related expenditure in the financial assessment of £12.00.

An additional amount of disability related expenditure is allowed if you have an entitlement to an Enhanced Disability Premium. If you are entitled to receive the enhanced disability premium an additional £5.87 (equivalent to 30% of the premium at 2023/24 rates) will be disregarded from the financial assessment.

## What does my DRE allowance cover?

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### Household Expenses

- The cost of employing a Cleaner
- Excess household energy costs
- Gardening costs
- Community Alarms (not part of a care package)
- Laundry
- Wear and tear on fixtures and fittings

### Personal Care

- Hair care
- Chiropody
- Dietary
- Bedding
- Incontinence pads
- Privately arranged care
- Clothes
- Prescription costs (if not eligible for free prescriptions)

## Specialist Equipment

- Wheelchair or Motorised Scooter
- Specialist Bed
- Specialist Chair
- Stairlift
- Hoist

The cost of the above items will be spread over a reasonable length of time based on the cost of the item.

## Transport

- Taxi fares

*Note:* Other items of disability related expenses can be considered if not included on the lists above.

## Enhanced Financial Assessment

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If your disability related expenditure is more than the allowance in the table on the first page you can request an Enhanced Financial Assessment.

The Enhanced assessment will look at the expenditure you have on the items listed in this factsheet. You will be asked to provide receipts or evidence of payments you have made. Any costs above what is considered as normal living expenses will be taken in to account in your financial assessment.