

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Patient information leaflet

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Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formie,
proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotowuje.

Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil,
vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe
de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

如果您需要本传单的其他语言版本或无障碍格式，请联系工作人员为您安排。

إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى، أو بتيسيق
يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

The additional costs of caring for a child with a long term health condition can be a strain on the family's finances. Applying for financial support can only be done once the child or young person has been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes for more than 3 months.

Notes

Types of benefits

There are two benefits available and relate to the age of the claimant. These are, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Personal Independent Payment (PIP).

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

DLA is a non-means-tested, tax-free benefit. It is there to offer financial help with the additional costs of caring for a child with long term health conditions.

To qualify for DLA the child must:

- Be under 16 years old.
- Need extra looking after.
- Live within the UK when you claim.

There are 2 components to DLA: mobility and care. Children with diabetes may be awarded the care component.

This leaflet has been written to help manage diabetes at home. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment.

If you require any further information, please telephone and ask for your paediatric diabetes specialist nurse.

The diabetes team are here to support you, if you have any questions contact the diabetes team on:

Ormskirk:

- Paediatric Diabetes office: 01695 656 766 or 01695 656 867.
- Children's Ward, Ormskirk Hospital: 01695 656 912.

Whiston:

- Whiston Hospital: 0151 430 1404

Completing the forms

The guidance given here relates to completing form 'DLA1A child Jan 2013', this is for a child aged under 16. The Information provided relates only to type 1 diabetes and you will need to consider any other condition your child has independently of this information, though you may wish to consider any impact other conditions may have on diabetes management.

When providing details of your child's or young person's condition, it is important not to play down the effects. It can be hard to focus solely on the things your child/young person cannot do for themselves or has difficulty with, however it is important that the impact of the condition is adequately explained.

The person assessing your claim does not have any prior knowledge of diabetes and certainly will not know how it impacts you or your child's life. It is therefore important that you explain everything in detail and write as you would if explaining to someone who knows nothing about diabetes management whatsoever.

Prior to completing the form, it may be helpful to keep a diary of the help you give your child, to help you with how many times per day they are given help and for how long each time. Include every detail, such as calibrating test strips, changing lancets, disposing of sharps appropriately and any distress or resistance from your child.

You do not need to send this with your form, but it may help your application if you do.

When you come to completing the form, do not be afraid to write outside of the boxes if space is insufficient. You can also add additional pages if need be.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

PIP is the new benefit replacing DLA for working age claimants, 16-64 years.

Any adolescent who is currently receiving DLA; is 16 and is due to renew DLA will be informed by the department for Work and Pensions of the change in benefit.

How is PIP different from DLA?

- PIP takes into consideration how diabetes affects life and the ability to carry out everyday activities.
- It is more an objective assessment, with a face to face consultation with an independent health professional.
- It is an assessment of individual need.
- It includes regular reviews so that individuals continue to get the right support.

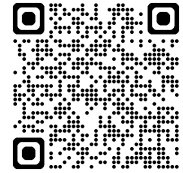
PIP has two parts or components: the daily living and the mobility components.

Rates of care

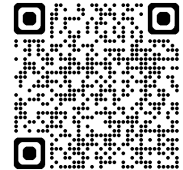
Payments will be made up of one or both of these components. Each component will have two rates of pay: standard and enhanced. There are no plans to replace DLA for children under 16 years.

Further sources of information/support on benefits

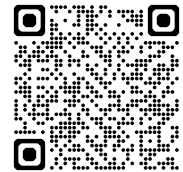
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