

Guidance in relation to Disability Related Expenditure - Appendix A

Disability Related Expenditures DRE 2023/2024

Adults in receipt of care in all settings, with the exception of care in a Care Home, and who are in receipt of a disability benefit such as Attendance Allowance (AA), Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) will be asked about additional costs incurred as a direct result of their disability.

Only costs incurred by the adult receiving care and support will be considered as part of the assessments as allowable expenditure.

The Council has the right not to allow costs that should be met by other agencies, such as the NHS. This applies to therapies such as physiotherapy, chiropody and incontinence pads.

Standard DRE

North Tyneside Council recognises that an individual may incur additional expenditure as a result of a disability and therefore offers a standard Disability Related Expenditure disregard of £10 per week. However, if an individual considers that their expenditure is higher than this, then the Disability Related Expenditure can be considered on an individual basis.

Individual DRE

The following tables provide guidance of examples of additional costs which an individual may face as a result of disability. These additional costs may be taken into account in the Disability Related Expenditure (DRE).

This list is neither exhaustive nor exclusive and the Council recognises that each individual's circumstances may vary. The Council will consider other additional costs that may be incurred, as a result of disability, on the production of evidence or receipts to substantiate these amounts.

Item	Amount	Notes
Wheelchair - manual	£4.75	Considered if not provided free of charge
Wheelchair - powered	£11.55	As above
Powered Bed	£5.25	Actual cost divided by 500 (10 year life) up to a maximum allowance of £5.25
Turning bed	£9.19	Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum allowance of £9.19
Powered reclining chair	£4.16	Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum allowance of £4.16
Stair lift	£7.42	Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum allowance of £7.42 – evidence of purchase without Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) input
Hoist	£3.64	Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum allowance £3.64 - evidence of purchase without DFG input
Personal alarm	Actual cost	Actual rental charge if not covered by housing benefit
Personal care	Actual cost	If purchased privately, identified in the Support Plan and Council supported care is reduced accordingly
Cleaning/Domestic	£15.52	Actual cost up to a maximum allowance of £15.52 if purchased privately and identified in the Support Plan – (based on 1.5 hours per fortnight as currently assessed by social care staff for housework)
Garden Maintenance	Actual cost	Discretionary based on individual costs of garden maintenance

Holidays	Additional actual costs	Additional actual cost for costs incurred for carer support in excess of normal costs for similar holiday divided by 52
Prescription Charges	£111.60 per annum	Cost of 12 month prescription prepayment certificate divided by 52 where not eligible for free prescriptions (£111.60)
Special dietary needs	Additional cost	Additional cost of special dietary needs due to an illness or disability – details of special purchases required
Transport	Actual additional weekly costs	Additional cost of transport over and above the mobility component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or Disability Living Allowance (DLA) due to disability for necessary trips.
Laundry	£4.56	Where incontinence is identified or other illness that may cause additional need for laundry in excess of normal
Heating	£2993.70 £3945.69 £3179.73 £4187.41 £3865.99 £5097.22	Flat terraced house - Single person Flat/terrace house - Couple Semi detached house – Single Semi detached house - Couple Detached house - Single Detached House - Couple
Special Clothing or footwear	Additional cost/52	Additional cost of specialised clothing/footwear, or additional wear to clothing/footwear due to disability
Social Activities	Discretionary	Discretionary additional costs in respect of disability, eg paying for entrance fee for carer if supported by support plan/social care worker

Internet Costs	£4.46	Where the internet offers the only choice for purchasing shopping due to mobility problems
Repairs and/or maintenance of essential equipment	Actual Cost	Actual cost in respect of equipment essential to continuing independence in the home
Life Insurance	Actual cost	
Funeral plans	Actual cost	This would be based on actual cost. This requires evidence of plan.
Debt	For short term placements and Community based packages only	This will be considered on a case by case basis
Housing Costs	Discretionary payment depending on individual circumstances. Production of evidence to substantiate liability for expenditure would be required.	