

## Disability Related Expenditure (DRE)

What is Disability Related Expenditure (DRE)?

Disability related expenditure is money that you spend specifically because you are disabled. It is money that we may recognise as an 'outgoing' when we do a financial assessment to find out how much you can afford to pay towards your care.

We have included a few examples of possible costs you may face as a disabled person, but it is not a full list. We can include other costs, as long as they are because you are disabled.

The financial assessment meeting

Visiting Officers who come to do your financial assessment use guidelines showing the most common costs that we can take into account because you are disabled. The guidelines are not a full list and if you have other costs because of being disabled, please tell the Visiting Officer.

Once you have arranged your financial assessment meeting, it is important that you prepare for it. You will need to:

- tell us about the costs you face by being disabled
- tell us how much these costs are
- gather receipts or any other evidence of these costs.

When we consider your disability related expenditure, we will:

- look at the information you give us including the receipts and any other evidence
- check to see if the costs you have given us are to do with your care needs that are in your support plan – a support plan details how your care needs are met
- check to see if any income you receive already covers these costs. For example, a carelink system is paid within housing benefit.



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## How to check to see if you have any extra costs because you are disabled

A Visiting Officer, your care manager, a friend or other representative can help you check to see if you have any extra costs to pay because you are disabled.

Think about whether you pay for:

- privately arranged care, not provided by the Council
- specific food due to your impairment
- help with general repairs to your home, that non-disabled people would usually be able to do themselves
- specific items of clothing or equipment because you are disabled.

Here are some examples...

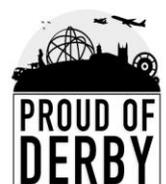
- Extra costs for washing and drying for people who may be incontinent.
- Extra costs for heating if you feel the cold more because of your impairment and need to keep warm.
- Help with odd jobs around the house because you cannot do these yourself and no-one lives with you that can do them, such as changing a light bulb, keeping your garden tidy, decorating or buying specific equipment such as a hoist to help you get in and out of bed.
- Travel costs over and above personal independence payments, such as paying a carer's travel costs to support you with an activity such as going to the cinema or shopping

Don't forget to keep receipts or other evidence to show us what type of costs you have to make because you are a disabled person

It is important we see receipts or any other evidence of the extra costs you have made because you are disabled. This will enable us to work out



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any extra allowance you can get. The Visiting Officer will help you with deciding what receipts to give us. Do not worry if you are not used to this way of doing things as we know keeping receipts can be difficult sometimes.

We can offer new customers the opportunity to give us the receipts and other evidence later on. We will give you a first assessment and let you know the outcome of the assessment in writing. If you then provide receipts and evidence later, we will work how much you will have to pay towards your care again. If there is any change, this will be backdated to the first assessment.

More Information or if you are not happy

For more information about Personal Budgets please visit [www.derby.gov.uk](http://www.derby.gov.uk) and search for Self Directed Support. If you do not have access to a computer then please call us on 01332 640773 or minicom 01332 640666.

If you are not happy about how your financial assessment has been worked out, you can ask us to look at it again. For more information about this or any queries about the financial assessment process, please call the Community Care Charging & Support Team Helpline on 01332 640773 or minicom 01332 640666.



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We can give you this information in any other way, style or language that will help you access it. Please contact us on: 01332 640773  
Minicom: 01332 640666

#### Polish

Aby ułatwić Państwu dostęp do tych informacji, możemy je Państwu przekazać w innym formacie, stylu lub języku.  
Prosimy o kontakt: 01332 640773      Tel. tekstowy: 01332 640666

#### Punjabi

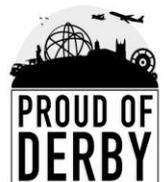
ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਅਸੀਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਹੋਰ ਤਰੀਕੇ ਨਾਲ, ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਜਾਂ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ, ਜਿਹੜੀ ਇਸ ਤੱਕ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੋਵੇ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ 01332 640773 ਸਿਨੀਕਮ 01332 640666 ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

#### Urdu

یہ معلومات ہم آپ کو کسی دیگر ایسے طریقے، انداز اور زبان میں مہیا کر سکتے ہیں جو اس تک رسائی میں آپ کی مدد کرے۔ براہ کرم 01332 640773 پر ہم سے رابطہ کریں۔



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## Disability Related Expenditure (DRE)

<b>DRE Element</b>	<b>Examples</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
Additional Clothing	Such as extreme wear and tear of clothing because of your impairment	Receipts
Additional Bedding	Such as incontinence	Receipts
Additional Footwear	Such as footwear being ruined due to your impairment	Receipts
Community Alarm	Such as a pendant worn around your neck to keep you safe	Invoices or bills from the provider
Gardening Costs	Such as pruning, weeding and keeping your garden tidy	Invoices or bills from the provider
Heating Costs	Your heating costs are higher due to your impairment	Bills from energy provider/bank statements
Home Shopping Delivery	Supermarket delivery or paying somebody to deliver shopping	Receipts



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House Maintenance	DIY, repair and general maintenance of the property	Invoices or bills from the provider
Internet Access Broadband connection and monthly charge		Invoices or bills from the provider
Hair washing	Allowable where customer is unable to wash own hair, and hair wash is not part of the care package.	Receipts
Treatment to support Well-being	Such as hydrotherapy and massage session. Allowable provided that a GP or NHS therapist confirms that the treatment will help reduce needs arising from a disability or a health condition.	Invoices or bills from the provider
Personal Hygiene Incontinence pads/pants	Such as incontinence pads/pants	Receipts or invoices from supplier
Prescriptions, Medical and chemist items	Incurred to relieve a medical condition and/or disability. Evidence from GP or medical specialist	Receipts
Laundry Costs	Higher laundry costs	Details required about



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	because of your impairment medical condition	number of loads of washing each week
Pets and associated costs	Allowable ONLY if there is evidence that this need has arisen from a medical condition or disability AND the benefit is confirmed by an NHS Specialist.	Invoice or bills from the provider
Privately Purchased Care	Allowable ONLY where this is part of an agreed care and support plan AND council-arranged support is reduced accordingly.	Invoices or bills from the provider/personal assistants.
Social Activities costs related to social activities such as clubs	Allowable where the activity helps with (for example) mental health issues.	Invoices, receipts or bills from provider or PA's costs
Specific Diet/Pureed Foods	Extra food costs specific to your impairment	Receipts or invoices
Short break whilst your carer is away	Such as staying in accommodation to suit your needs	Invoice or bills from provider
Transport Costs	Taxis, petrol or local transport costs	Amounts over Disability Living



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	because of your impairment	Allowance/Personal Independence Payment Mobility considered together with receipts/tickets
Technology Purchases	PC, Tablet or laptop	Invoice from provider over a 5 year period.
Purchase & Maintenance of Equipment	Equipment includes hoists, powered and turning beds, scooter/wheelchair and stair lifts	Invoices or bills from provider (excluding any Council funding)
Window Cleaning	Disability or condition prevents the person doing this themselves	Invoices or bills from provider

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