New Forest Disability Information Service

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Information Sheet 3

Child Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is a non-means-tested benefit for people under 16. If you are over 16 when making your first application, you need Information Sheet 1 Personal Independence Payments (PIP). DLA provides help towards the extra cost of bringing up a disabled child; it is paid on top of any other income you have and can give you access to other types of help.

Disability Living Allowance is split into two components:

1. Mobility Component (help with getting around outside) [2 levels available]
2. Care Component (help with personal care) [3 levels available]

You can apply/qualify for 1 or a combination of both components - at different levels - which may be reviewed at a later date.

1. Who can apply for Mobility Component?

Answer these brief questions to see if your child might qualify.

Is your child over 3 years old and under 16?	Yes/No
Is your child unable to walk or virtually unable to walk?	Yes/No
Is your child blind and deaf? or with severe visual impairment?	Yes/No
Does your child have no legs or had both amputated?	Yes/No
Does your child have severe mental impairment/extremely disruptive behaviour?	Yes/No

2. Who can apply for Care Component?

Answer these brief questions to see if your child might qualify.

Is your child over 3 months old and under 16?	Yes/No
Is your child severely mentally or physically disabled?	Yes/No
<u>During the day</u>	
Does your child need frequent attention in connection with bodily functions?	Yes/No
Does your child require continual supervision to avoid danger?	Yes/No
<u>During the night</u>	
Does your child require prolonged/repeated attention in connection with bodily functions?	Yes/No
Does your child require continual supervision to avoid danger?	Yes/No

IF you answered YES to any of the above questions, your child may qualify for one or both components of Child DLA. To qualify, you must show that your child's needs are substantially in excess of the normal requirements of a child their age or at a level that would normally be associated with a younger child, but not in someone their age.

To apply for Disability Living Allowance
If you would like an experienced advisor at New Forest Disability Information Service to assist and advise you in filling in the forms:

- Telephone **01425 628750** and ask for an appointment to complete a Child DLA application. (24 hour answerphone in operation for out-of-hours or busy times)
- Please state your name and telephone number when leaving a message
- An appointment date and time will be made.
- Please note: you should allow 2-2.5 hours for filling in the forms – if you have all the information with you, longer may be needed for complex cases
- The advisor will have the application pack ready for you.

To help us to help you, please bring with you
- Your child's Date of Birth
- List of your child's disabilities/illnesses
- List of your child's prescription drugs, including dosage
- Dates of your child's recent overnight stays in hospital (during the last 12 months)
- Name and address of your child's GP
- Name and address of your child's hospital consultant (if they see one)
- Any documents or reports you have from professionals who have been treating or have examined your child
- A 24-hour diary of when and what you have to do for your child including how long it takes

Carer's Allowance
Carer's Allowance might apply if someone regularly provides care of 35 hours per week for the child and earns less than £204 per week. (NB If the carer receives a State Pension of more than £86.45 weekly, then they cannot receive Carers Allowance). Apply for Carer's Allowance after your child starts to receive Disability Living Allowance.

This resource sheet is only a brief guide to Child Disability Living Allowance and is designed to help you decide if it could be appropriate for you to make an application.

Useful contacts
DWP Telephone: **0800 121 4600** Textphone: **0800 121 4523** Website: **www.gov.uk**

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