

## Disability Related Expenditure Factsheet

### Draft Care and Support Charging and Financial Assessment Framework

Costs that we will allow:	
Community Alarm System	Actual cost paid unless included in Housing Benefit award.
Private domestic help - where Adult Care assessment confirms this is necessary due to disability or medical condition and is not provided through Council-arranged support.  This may include cleaning, shopping).	Actual cost paid up to £14.00 per week for single person household, or cost proportionately divided by the number of other adult household members.
Additional laundry and replacement bedding costs (where more than 4 loads washing/week needed due to incontinence or other disability-related/medical reason).	A maximum amount of £5.00 per week.
Essential equipment maintenance / repair (if not maintained by adult care) (such as stair lift maintenance).	Actual cost of maintaining Specialist equipment at the discretion of Adult Client Finance and confirmation by Occupational Health.
Specialist clothing and Footwear and replacements  Due to wear and tear.	Reasonable amount based on the care plan and subject to the discretion of the Council.
Additional heating allowance due to a disability or illness.	Actual gas and electricity paid over one year minus the average amount annually. Fuel amounts <sup>[1]</sup> <b>Flat/Terrace</b> Single Occupancy £1,311.00 Couple/shared occupancy £1,729.00 <b>Semi-detached</b> Single Occupancy £1,392.44 Couple/shared occupancy £1,835.18 <b>Detached</b> Single Occupancy £1,694.10 Couple/shared occupancy £2,233.18

<sup>[1]</sup> Average annual amounts based on good practice guide issued by the National Association of Financial Assessment Officers

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#### We won't consider costs incurred for:

- General items or services required for daily living used by the general population.
- Garden maintenance, chiropody and basic domestic tasks.
- Privately arranged care and support.
- Medical prescriptions and chemist items.
- Equipment – this is available through community equipment.
- Any item or service met by a payment from a Grant (e.g. Disability Facilities Grant) or where another funding source has been provided.
- The difference between the actual cost and a lower cost alternative where we consider it was reasonable for a lower cost alternative;
- Structural or landscaping work (e.g. tree surgery, path laying or re-laying) in gardens or to buildings unless.
- Disabled Facilities Grant contributions apply in respect of the works carried out.
- Any works to help prevent falls (e.g. installing hand rails or repairing footpath).
- The modifications to the garden or building are essential for you to be able to use/store securely scooter or wheelchair that you need to use, or to provide secure storage for a scooter and the facility is used as such. In this case, the amount will be calculated as if the modifications were equipment with a suitable life span applied.