

Community Connections

Frequently Asked Questions

Funding

1. What is the eligibility criteria?

- High rate or middle rate DLA
- Enhanced or standard PIP
- No funded social care support
- Disabled children aged 0-18 years

2. How do I register

Online at www.disabilitypositive.org , click services then Children and Young People

3. What can I purchase with funding?

Funding is available to purchase a regular short break which provides you with a regular break from your caring role e.g. 2-3 hours per week, afterschool or at a weekend or during school holidays

- Membership to a sports club or gym for child/young person
- Membership for child/young person to activity centres e.g., zoo, play centre, where child can attend with a third party
- Fees for youth club or other social clubs.
- Specialist disability lessons
- School holiday clubs and/or before and after school activities
- Paying for child/young person to attend a residential break e.g., with youth group/scouts or with school
- Paying for a carer or personal assistant to take the child/young person out on an activity
- Paying for a carer or personal assistant to accompany the child or young person on an overnight break.

Example activities

- Trampolining
- Dance, Drama
- Drumming, Music
- Swimming
- Boxing
- Football
- Youth Club
- Animal Therapy, Horse Riding
- Gym sessions
- Canoeing
- Scouts
- Climbing sessions
- Driving Lessons

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4. What are the outcomes needed for children and young people and parents?

- Improve opportunities for children and young people to access a break
- Provide parent with a break from caring responsibilities
- Increase independence of individual child/young person
- Support child/young person to access similar experiences to nondisabled peers
- Reduce need for families to access statutory services from Social Care and/or access Direct Payments.

5. How do I pay for activities?

Once your request is approved, you will be provided with a pre-paid card from a company called Allpay. This card will be loaded with the funding amount that has been agreed. Allpay will send the card to you direct and you will be asked to contact them to activate the card before use. You will then pay the provider direct. You can make online payments. Direct Debit payments or payments via a terminal.

6. Do I need to keep receipts?

It is advisable to keep all receipts for when we audit your payment records

7. How do I pay if provider does not accept pre-paid cards?

You can pay via a bank transfer or direct debit

8. What information do you need from me?

- Details of the activities you wish to purchase – when they will take place
- Name of the activity provider
- Costs of the activity
- Outcomes for child/young person and you of accessing the activities
- Copy of your DLA/PIP letter upon registration
- You will need to choose a password and provide your date of birth when we set up the pre-paid card for you. You will also be asked at this point to provide one form of ID which shows your full address and name.

Access Universal Services

1. Eligibility Criteria

- No funded social care support
- Disabled child aged 0-18 years

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2. How long is support provided

This will be agreed with the provider to ensure the child/young person can continue attending after the 1-1 support finishes; average time is anticipated to be between 4-12 weeks

It is the responsibility of the provider to make reasonable adjustments to ensure inclusion of all children to their setting

3. How many hours of support do you offer?

1-3 hours per week on average after school, weekends or during school holidays

4. Do you provide personal care?

Our 1-1 support workers will provide personal care during the time they support your child/young person and will work with the provider to enable them to continue this once the support finishes