

Disability related Expenditure (DRE) Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed changes to Leicester City Council's financial assessment for adults who live at home and are eligible for help from adult social care

What is Disability Related Expenditure?	<p>Everyone who is eligible for adult social care has a financial assessment to work out if they have to pay towards the cost of their care.</p> <p>The financial assessment takes into account extra expenses people may have because of their disability. This is called Disability Related Expenditure. This may include gas or electricity usage, additional water usage, travel costs, community alarms, gardening and dietary needs.</p>
How long is the consultation running for?	The consultation will go live from 3 July 2018 to 28 September 2018.
Why does the council want to make changes	<p>We are proposing to change the amount allowed for disability related expenditure per week to bring it in line with the average cost of such expenditure in Leicester and to make it fairer.</p> <p>It means that everyone is treated the same, whether they are single or part of a couple. This would help the Council spend its money more wisely so that as many people as possible can get help.</p>
How does DRE work now?	Currently we allow a minimum amount of £20 per week towards disability related expenditure for a single person (or £15 per week, for one of a couple). We do allow people more than the set amount, if they can show that their expenses are higher.
What does the council want to change?	<p>We want to change the amount for disability related expenditure so that a minimum of £10 per week is allowed for everyone.</p> <p>We have worked out that on average most people in Leicester have disability related expenses of £7.50 per week, and so reducing the amount to a minimum of £10 per week is closer to what people actually spend. We think this proposal is fairer.</p>
If these changes are agreed what changes will people see?	If this change is agreed, almost half of the people (49%) that are eligible for adult social care are unlikely to see any change at all. They will either pay nothing as they do now, or will continue to pay the same amount each week.

	<p>Whilst many people will not be asked to pay more, some people will be. Some people could start paying for the first time.</p> <p>The highest increase anyone would have to pay is £10 per week.</p>									
If the proposals are agreed how soon will the changes come in?	Any changes would be introduced from April 2019, at the next financial assessment or review.									
Who can give their views?	This is a public consultation, anyone may participate.									
How can people give their views?	<p>Letters and surveys have been sent to all Adult Social Care service users (or their carers). There are different ways to give your views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• complete the online survey by 28 September 2018, using the Disability Related Expenditure (DRE) link at: consultations.leicester.gov.uk• or complete and return the survey sent with this letter using the enclosed freepost envelope by 28 September 2018 (no stamp required)• or write to us at: DRE Consultation Bosworth House 1st floor – West Wing Leicester, LE1 6TH• or email us at ASCconsultations@leicester.gov.uk• or phone the helpline on 0116 454 4400 <p>Please contact us if you would like to attend one of the following public consultation meetings for more information:</p> <table><tr><td>Town Hall Tea Room 1.12 Town Hall Square, Leicester LE1 9BG</td><td>Monday 30 July 2018</td><td>10.30am – 12.00pm</td></tr><tr><td>Peepul Centre Training Room 3 Orchardson Avenue, Leicester LE4 6DP</td><td>Wednesday 1 August 2018</td><td>6.00pm – 7.30pm</td></tr><tr><td>The BRITE Centre Main Hall Braunstone Ave, Leicester LE3 1LE</td><td>Thursday 2 August 2018</td><td>2.30pm – 4.00pm</td></tr></table>	Town Hall Tea Room 1.12 Town Hall Square, Leicester LE1 9BG	Monday 30 July 2018	10.30am – 12.00pm	Peepul Centre Training Room 3 Orchardson Avenue, Leicester LE4 6DP	Wednesday 1 August 2018	6.00pm – 7.30pm	The BRITE Centre Main Hall Braunstone Ave, Leicester LE3 1LE	Thursday 2 August 2018	2.30pm – 4.00pm
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