Family carers managing money series

An overview of our factsheets for family carers

Dosh has created a series of factsheets to help family carers who support a relative with a learning disability with their money.

Many family carers want to support their relative with money, but often find the process complicated, confusing and stressful. These factsheets will help you and your family to get your finances working well now and to plan for the future.

The factsheets give key information on topics such as benefits and banking. We hope they will help you better understand your options as a family carer and to be more confident in supporting your relative with money.

You can read more about the project and the factsheets on our website: www.dosh.org/factsheets-for-family-carers and download all the factsheets for free.

As well as sharing this information we always enjoy speaking to family carer groups in person. Speak to us about coming to your local group.

You can also speak to us about how we could support your relative now or in the future. Contact us on 0300 303 1288 or via email at info@dosh.org
Checklist for financial health

Does your relative have more than £6,000 in savings? Do their benefits come into the same account as your income? Use this checklist to find out what you need to do and check other common problems.

Top tips for managing family money

Learn about how to manage your relative’s money if they live at home, including the importance of separating their money and paying towards household expenses.

The factsheets available are:

Where does the money come from?

An infographic showing you where benefits, care funding and other money come from and what you can use them for.

Benefits

What are the most common benefits claimed by people with a learning disability? Read up on key information about these benefits, including moving from Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

Appointeeship for benefits

An appointee is an individual or organisation that manages someone else’s benefits. Read this to find out what they do and how to choose one.
Mental capacity and money

Have you or your relative been told they do not have the capacity to do something like open a bank account? This factsheet will tell you what this means and what your options are. This is based on the Mental Capacity Act for England and Wales.

Planning for the future

Based on Thera Trust’s Safe and Secure book, this factsheet helps you think about what will happen with money in the future and what you can do now to prepare. It includes banking, benefits, wills and trusts.

For questions about the factsheets or to get this in a different format, please contact us on 0300 303 1288 or email info@dosh.org.

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