

Welfare benefits for young people aged 14 to 24 years who are disabled

Do you know which welfare benefits you
could get?



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About welfare benefits



Welfare benefits is money you can get from the government to help you with your care and support.

There are different types of welfare benefits.



If you are under 16 years old

Your welfare benefits will be paid to your parent or carer.



Your parent or carer can apply for welfare benefits on your behalf.



If you are over 16 years old

You can claim your own welfare benefits.



Types of welfare benefits you may get

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Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

DLA is for certain young people aged under 16 years old.

It can help you if you need extra help to look after yourself or if you find it difficult to move around and get out and about.

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Once you are over 16 years old, your DLA will stop and you will need to apply for Personal Independence Payment (PIP).



Use a benefits calculator (**page 7**) to find out what you could get.

How to get Disability Living Allowance

Complete a form online:

www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children/how-to-claim



Ask for a paper form by telephone:

0800 121 4600



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Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Personal Independence Payment is for people aged over 16 years old.

It can help you if you need extra help to look after yourself or if you find it difficult to move around and get out and about.



Use a benefits calculator (**page 7**) to find out what you could get.

How to get Personal Independence Payment

Apply over the telephone or ask for a paper form:

0800 917 2222



You can find more information online:



www.gov.uk/pip

Types of welfare benefits you may get



Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Employment and Support Allowance can help you if you are not able to work. It can also help you to work if you are able to.

There are different types of Employment and Support Allowance.



Use a benefits calculator (**page 7**) to find out what you could get.

How to get Employment and Support Allowance

Telephone:

0800 328 5644



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Universal Credit (UC)

Universal Credit is a payment to help with your living costs.

You can usually only get Universal Credit if you are over 18 years old.

If you are 16 or 17 years old, you can only get Universal Credit for certain reasons.

You can find more information about Universal Credit and who can get it online:

www.gov.uk/universal-credit/eligibility

Use a benefits calculator (**page 7**) to find out what you could get.

How to get Universal Credit

You can apply online:

www.gov.uk/universalcredit

There is a telephone helpline:
0800 328 5644

Who can help you with welfare benefits



Benefits calculator

There is an online benefits calculator.

You can use it to find out which welfare benefits you could get.



Website:

<https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk>



Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice has lots of information about benefits on their website. You can also speak to them and get advice on the phone.



Website:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits



Telephone:

03444 111 444

Who can help you with welfare benefits

Welfare Benefits Officer— North Dorset and Bridport

Samantha Evans



Email:
s.l.evans@dorsetcc.gov.uk



Telephone:
01305 225756

Welfare Benefits Officer— East Dorset, Purbeck and Christchurch

Lynne Fossey



Email:
l.fossey@dorsetcc.gov.uk



Telephone:
01305 225754

Welfare Benefits Officer— Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester

Tony Strawbridge



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a.d.strawbridge@dorsetcc.gov.uk



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01305 208022

How we look after your personal information



We sometimes need to keep personal information about you.

This is to help us to support you.

Our staff keep your information safe.



Only people who really need to are allowed to see your information.

If you would like to ask us anything about this you can:



Telephone 01305 225175



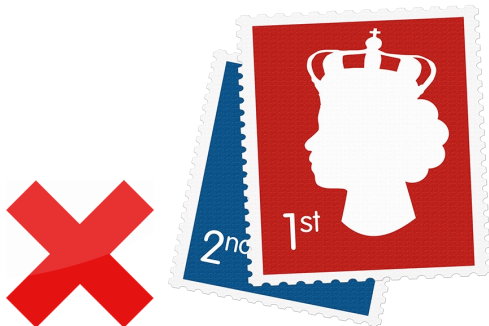
email

data.protection@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



Or **write** to
Data Protection Officer
Records Management Unit
Dorset Council
Colliton Park
Dorchester
DT1 1XJ

Tell us what you think



You can tell us if there is something you are not happy about or if there is something you want to change about your services.

- Tell us when you like what we are doing
- Tell us your ideas and suggestions
- Tell us when you are unhappy with what we are doing

You can telephone us on 01305 221061 if you would like to make a complaint.

If you want to write us a letter, you can post it to:

Complaints Team
Freepost
Business Reply License No.
RRYH-AGJZ-TRGG
Dorset Council
Colliton Park
Dorchester
Dorset
DT1 1XJ

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Diversity statement

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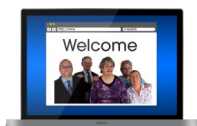
- men and women
- young and old people
- people of different races
- disabled and non-disabled people



Dorset Council will try to treat all people fairly and respect.

Contact us

To find out more about our services you can look at our website:



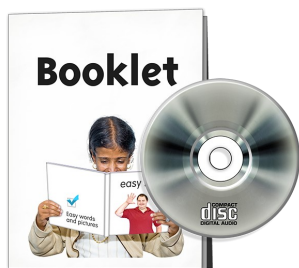
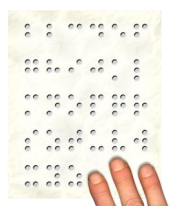
www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/adult-social-care



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