



Disability Related Expenditure FAQs

Q. What is Disability Related Expenditure?

A. This is an expense we allow in non-residential financial assessments to ensure you have enough money to meet any disability related expenditure you may have. This is an expense not met by Stockport Council but required for your disability and/or long-term health condition. Stockport Council allows a standard rate of £16.10 per week for these costs in your financial assessment if you have capital below £23,250.

Q. What if my weekly Disability Related Expenditure exceeds £16.10 per week?

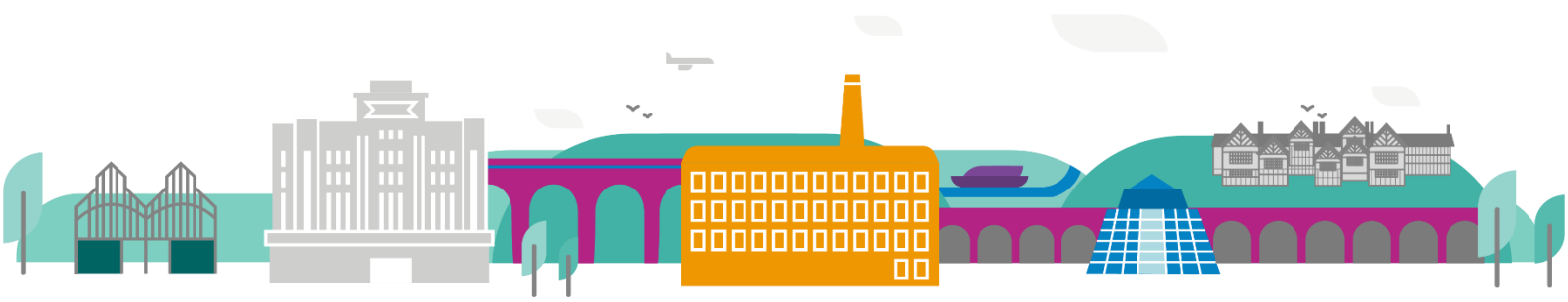
A. We can allow a further expense in your assessment if your Disability Related Expenditure **exceeds** £16.10 per week. This is known as Additional Disability Related Expenditure. You will need to provide our assessment team with evidence of these additional disability related expenses so we have a full and complete picture of your personal circumstances.

Q. What can be included as Additional Disability Related Expenditure?

A. There is no fixed list of disability related expenses as everyone has different needs based on their personal circumstances. What our assessment team would look for are expenses that are essential to your wellbeing and quality of life, are not already covered by another expense in your financial assessment and are not already being met by Stockport Council.

Some common examples of Additional Disability Related Expenditure are:

- Extra washing or special washing powder/conditioner for delicate skin.
- Community alarms (pendant or wrist).
- Special dietary requirements.
- Medical or sanitary products such as incontinence pads.
- Chiropody.
- Private gardening or cleaning costs
- The cost of specialist equipment such as Wheelchairs or Mobility Scooters. The weekly cost of this will be averaged over the life span of the item.



Q. Can gas & electricity costs be considered as Additional Disability Related Expenditure?

Yes, gas & electricity costs can be considered as Additional Disability Related Expenditure if your weekly spend is higher than the average amount for these costs. The average amount is taken from the records published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) that show the yearly average household cost for these utilities based on property and household size. Please see the table below:

Figures for 2025/2026	Annual Average	Weekly Cost
Single Person – Flat/Terrace	£1975.11	£37.98
Couple – Flat/Terrace	£2605.85	£50.11
Single Person – Semi Detached	£2097.83	£40.34
Couples – Semi Detached	£2769.47	£53.26
Single – Detached	£2552.27	£49.08
Couples - Detached	£3364.45	£64.70

If your weekly spend is higher than the averages above, we will allow the difference as Disability Related Expenditure. For example, if you live alone in a flat and pay £50.00 per week on gas and electricity, £12.02 will be included as Additional Disability Related Expenditure in your calculation.

Q. What evidence do I need to provide?

A. Our assessment team require proof that the expense is **ongoing and consistent**. This can be shown through bank statements, invoices, or receipts. We would ideally require the evidence to show 3 months of consecutive payments of the expenses. For one-off expenses such as the purchase of a wheelchair, a single invoice, receipt, or bank statement is acceptable. If you are struggling to provide any information, please contact us to discuss this.

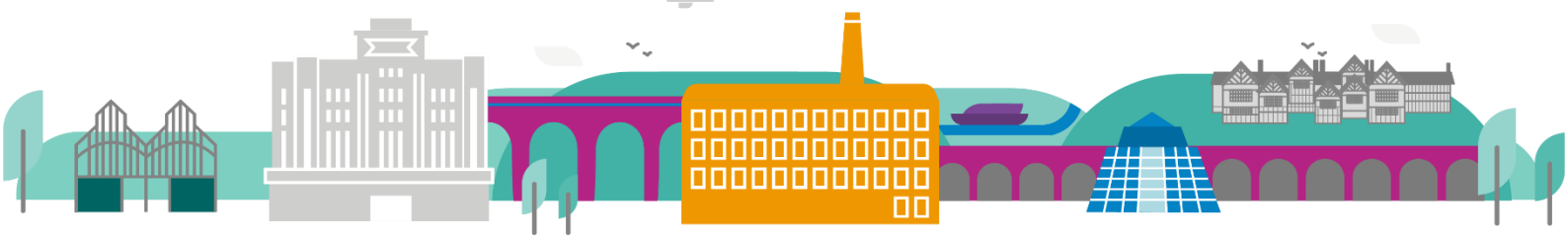
Q. How can I provide Stockport Council with evidence of my Additional Disability Related Expenditure?

A. There are several ways to submit evidence to our assessment team. The quickest way is when completing our online Financial Assessment Form. Section 4 (Your personal details) provides you with the option of uploading documents which will be paired with the financial information you submit. You can also email or post any evidence to us using the contact information below:

E-mail: socialcare.charging@stockport.gov.uk

Address: Social Care Charging Section

Stopford House
Piccadilly
Stockport
SK1 3XE



Please ensure you include your name and date of birth on the email or letter so we can link this to your account.

Q. I have submitted my evidence, what happens next?

A. Your evidence will be passed to our assessment team to consider the expenses you have provided. We will inform you of the outcome with a new assessment letter, which will include a breakdown of what we have or haven't allowed in your assessment along with an explanation of our decision. We may contact you regarding the expenses you have provided, should we require further information.

Q. What if my circumstances change and my Disability Related Expenditure increases or decreases?

A. You are welcome to submit evidence to our assessment team at any time for review. An assessment officer will review the evidence and write out to you with the outcome.

Q. I disagree with the Additional Disability Related Expenditure you have included in my new assessment.

A. Everyone who receives a Non-Residential service has the right to ask for a review of their assessed charge. To do this, you or the person acting for you, should contact the Social Care Charging team. You can email us, or you can also telephone or post your review request. Email is the quickest and easiest option.

Q. I have submitted a review and or appeal request, what happens next?

A. Your request will be passed to our assessment team to consider in line with our reviews and appeals procedure, and we will contact you with the outcome of our decision.

If you have any further questions about Disability Related Expenditure or our assessment process, please do not hesitate to contact the Social Care Charging department on **0161 474 4781**.

