

Welfare Benefits for People with Disabilities and Carers

(Disability Living Allowance, Carers Allowance and Attendance Allowance)

Aim

A one day training session designed to introduce participants to the entitlement conditions for these benefits for adults and children with severe disabilities and their carers. The session will allow participants to identify possible entitlement and signpost claimants to further advice where relevant. No prior knowledge of welfare benefits needed.

Target Group

All staff working with adults and children who need help with their personal care and/or have severe mobility problems, as well as staff who liaise or work with family carers.

Time

10.00am - 4.30pm

Course Content

The course will use case studies to highlight the circumstances in which people may be entitled to these benefits and will include:

- A guide to the entitlement conditions for Disability Living Allowance and Attendance and the differences between the two benefits
- What happens to claims for these benefits in special circumstances e.g. terminal illness, going into hospital, going into residential care
- A guide to the entitlement conditions for Carers Allowance which can, in certain circumstances, be claimed by family members or friends caring for someone who receives Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance
- How to make successful claims for these benefits
- How decisions refusing benefit can be challenged

Training Methods

Variety of pair and small group work; general discussions; quizzes; case studies; videos; role-plays; and a limited amount of lecturing.

Prices are inclusive all materials (certificates and handouts), lunches and refreshments.