

Housing Benefit - extra room for an overnight carer

Notes

The housing benefit rules state how many bedrooms the Council has to use when working out housing benefit. We have to look at the number of people who normally live in the house.

We can allow an extra room where the claimant or their partner (or both) needs overnight care and that care is provided by one or more people who normally live somewhere else (known as a non-resident carer).

Please answer the questions overleaf to help us decide whether you are entitled to an extra room when we work out your housing benefit.

Housing Benefit for the extra room can only be awarded if you can provide evidence that the non-resident carer is:-

- a. Actually engaged in providing overnight care
- b. Regularly staying overnight in your home for that purpose; and
- c. Provided with the use of a bedroom in your home that is not used by the people who normally live there.

Acceptable evidence to confirm the arrangements can be one or more of the following: -

1. Care Plan or Invoice for care fees.
2. Letter or email from Adult Social Services (or ask them to fill in the box below).
3. Letter from a doctor (or ask them to fill in the box below).

The evidence must state that -

- there is a need for overnight care;
- the type of care that is required;
- how often the overnight care is provided;
- for how long the care is likely to be provided.

If other evidence is not available this box can be completed by Social Services or the doctor of the person who needs care

To be stamped with the Office Stamp of person signing

I declare that

NAME requires and receives overnight care

because (reason)

and that this care is normally provided for nights per week by a person who does not normally live with the claimant.

Please state for how long the care is likely to be needed

Signed Name

Date Phone Number

Organisation and position

