



SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS & HEALTH

Short Break Carer Allowances April 2014 to March 2015

Short Break Carers receive an allowance for each child and young person placed with them. The allowance for a 24 hour period is a maximum of £75 per child/young person: this is made up of £33 for overnight (4.00 pm – 9.00 am) then a Day Care Rate of £6 per hour (9.00 am to 4.00 pm), with an additional £15 for children/young people with higher care needs.

South Gloucestershire provides mileage, for agreed travel, and a leisure allowance of a maximum of £133 per child which can be used, for example, to cover the child/young person's entrance fees and tickets. This is to support carers in enabling disabled children/young people to access community resources.

Payments will be made by direct transfer into a bank, Trustee Savings Bank, National Girobank or Building Society Account. Like foster carers, most short break carers under the 'Share the Care' scheme are exempt from paying tax, however it is important for carers to inform the HM Revenue of their individual circumstances.

Equipment

We will also assess and provide as a loan any specialist equipment needed to help you meet the individual needs of the child/young person, for instance, beds, car seats and stair gates etc.