

Autism Berkshire - Benefits Service

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Autism Berkshire's Benefits Advice Service is available to autistic people and their families in the county, whether or not they are members of Autism Berkshire.

And we provide an enhanced level of support to Slough residents who are autistic, or have learning disabilities or mental health issues, as part of the #OneSlough scheme.

Our benefits service manager Kevin Jackson has many years of experience helping people with benefit applications.

Please note that we strongly advise people to contact us when they start to prepare to make a benefit application, so that our team can ensure the forms contain as much relevant information as possible for the initial assessment by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Support is also available to people with conditions related to autism, including severe dyslexia, dyspraxia, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), subject to payment of a fee*.

Our advisers can help people to understand eligibility and assist with completing application and reassessment forms for the following benefits.

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children aged up to 15.
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP) for over-16s.
- Employment & Support Allowance (ESA).
- Universal Credit.
- Carer's Allowance.

They are also able to assist with appeals against decisions made under the Department for Work and Pensions benefits assessment process, including mandatory reconsiderations, and to represent people at benefit assessment hearings and appeal tribunals, subject to payment of a fee and travel expenses.

Appointments with one of our advisers to complete a benefits application form (DLA, PIP, ESA, UC, Carer's Allowance) are free of charge for Slough residents who are autistic or who are applying on behalf of an autistic person, or have learning disabilities or mental health issues. They will also get help free of charge for mandatory reconsiderations and appeals to tribunals – but please note that we will require payment of our staff's travel expenses to attend any assessment meetings and tribunal hearings.

*See our website for details of our current fees for benefits advice.

For more information about the Benefits Service and to book an appointment, call on 01189 594 594 (option 2) or email benefits@autismberkshire.org.uk.

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